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November 30, 2005

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#34 = 8/13/65  
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Subject: FILE 157-1704/SERIAL 34 TO THE END OF FILE

FOIPA No. 1023155- 000

Dear Requester:

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- ☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:
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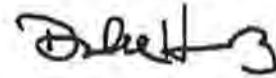
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☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other

individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☐ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

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**Requester Name :**

**LAZAR, ERNIE .**

**Subject :**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *JAS*  
*D* SAC, MIAMI (157-1334) (P)

DATE: AUG 13 1965  
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SUBJECT: LET FREEDOM RING,  
RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGE,  
MIAMI TELEPHONE NUMBER 221-6767,  
MIAMI, FLORIDA  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Miami letter and letterhead memorandum dated 6/29/65. *REC-16*  
*ST-112*

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned as above.

One copy of the memorandum is being furnished to Jacksonville and Tampa in view of their interest in this matter.

Miami will continue to follow the activities of captioned matter.

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1 - Jacksonville (157-1025) (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM) *157-1704-34*  
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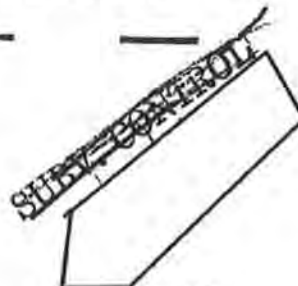
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*55 AUG 25 1965*

AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC. SERLY  
DEPT: ISD, CRD  
DATE FORW: *8/20/65*  
HOW FORW: *RS*  
BY: *JLM:W.*



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Miami, Florida

AUG 13 1965

RE: LET FREEDOM RING,  
RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGE,  
MIAMI TELEPHONE NUMBER 221-6767,  
MIAMI, FLORIDA  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to communication dated June 29,  
1965, captioned as above.

The following are verbatim transcripts of recordings  
published by "Let Freedom Ring," which can be obtained by  
dialing telephone number 221-6767 in Miami, Florida.

June 28-30, 1965

"Let Freedom Ring.

"The United Nations which was formed sup-  
posedly to preserve peace in the world has become  
a predatory monster and in the enemy of free  
governments everywhere. The little Providence of  
Katanga for instance declared its independence from  
the Congo and was then crushed by the UN (inaudible)  
troops.

"In Hungary, the courageous Hungarian people  
were (inaudible) Russian tyrants.

"When Russian tanks and Mongolian troops re-  
turned to slaughter the Hungarian freedom fighters,  
they had to (inaudible) the UN and look the other  
way. (Inaudible) supports the communist dictator-  
ship (inaudible) anti-communist nations such as  
Portugal and the South African Republic. Perhaps  
if Americans knew more of the background of the  
United Nations, they would not be puzzled by the

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"endless wars and the diplomatic defeats they have suffered at the hands of the communists since the UN's (inaudible).

"For instance, most Americans are still unaware that a communist espionage agent, Alger Hiss, was one of the chief planners of the UN, and along with a fellow communist, [redacted] (Phonetic) wrote many sections of the UN Charter. Knowing this, is it any wonder that the UN Declaration of Human Rights is quite similar to the writing of the Constitution? Is it any wonder that the UN emblem bears a close resemblance to the emblem of the Russian Arms Banner? People often laugh when you tell them this. They laugh until you point out that the UN emblem was designed by a department run by an identified communist, [redacted] (Phonetic), alias [redacted] (Phonetic).

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"The UN is rapidly (inaudible) into a communist world police state. It has planned that cry across the (inaudible) nation have become 'Get us out!'

"For a clear understanding of the 'International Dictatorship,' send \$1 donation to:

"(Inaudible) Master  
Box 21  
Miami Shores, Florida

"This station reporting to Pensacola, Florida; Macon, Georgia; Frederick, Maryland; Hagerstown, Maryland; Des Moines, Iowa; Tallahassee, Florida; Atlanta, Georgia; Danville, Illinois; Canoga Park, California; and Carlsbad, California.

"Thank you for calling 'Let Freedom Ring.'  
Call Monday for a new message."

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July 6, 1965

"Let Freedom Ring.

"The Parents and Teachers Association of  
(inaudible) is  
(Phonetic) (inaudible) in a little red, white and  
blue pamphlet, 'How to prevent extremists from  
taking over the PTA.' Like many well-meaning but  
misguided PTA officials, [redacted] has been  
led to believe the only (inaudible) to fear are  
the anti-communists. And just what organization  
does [redacted] suggest that the PTA can look  
to for guidance in this deadly serious matter?  
Well, none other than the National Council for  
(inaudible) Responsibility.

"(Inaudible) of approximately 120 members  
merely one-third of which are now or have been  
supporters of 78 different communist fronts. Ten  
per cent of the council members recommended by  
the National President of the PTA have connections  
with at least five communists (inaudible) each.  
Their names are:

[redacted]  
(Inaudible)  
[redacted]  
(All phonetic)

"Think about this! PTA members all over America  
are being misled into thinking anti-communism is a

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"threat. How did this become so successful since it (inaudible) some parents of school children have done nothing to stop. However, some local units of the PTA have actually withdrawn from the national organization.

"For a copy of this script and additional information, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

"Let Freedom Ring  
Box 21  
Miami Shores, Florida

"Thank you for calling 'Let Freedom Ring.'  
Call again Monday for a new message."

July 19, 1965

"Conditions of the minds of our children involving educational process not new, but the new mathematics is a new approach in this tragic plan to destroy the American intellect. The applicants of progressive education have seen to it that Johnny cannot read, now they are going to see to it that Johnny cannot add. A comprehensive look at the so-called new math, might awaken the complaints of parents and show his child's mind is being twisted and confused. [redacted]

[redacted] St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas, said 'We see no reason to be impressed by extravagant undemonstrational claims but the new math is anything but organized, confusing many reputable educators, and mathematicians are strongly opposed to this new math, but their views never reach the public.' They realize that this is a highly dangerous experiment with the young minds of our children. The philosophy of the new math goes deeper than mathematics itself,

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"On a moral basis there is a fear that the teaching of far out, abstract math to young minds, ignoring or playing down basic principles, will tend to destroy the student's belief in abstinence of any kind, such is a natural thing.

[redacted]  
at New York University, said 'All talk about society requiring a totally new kind of mathematics is pure nonsense, and the reported improvements will undoubtedly result in far less successful teachings of mathematics, adding injury to the mathematical and scientific development of our country.' With authorities like [redacted] opposed, do you not owe it to your children to investigate the new mathematics?

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"For information send 25 cents in coin to:

"New Math  
Box 21  
Miami Shores, Florida."

July 26, 1965

"This is Let Freedom Ring.

"According to [redacted]  
Justice of the Florida Supreme Court, The Earl Warren Supreme Court is transforming our republic into a last American-type despotism. [redacted] said, 'The Supreme Court, once revered guardian of the Constitution, has wielded the knife against its vitals.' What has the Supreme Court done to deserve this indictment and why are many responsible leaders now demanding the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren. In the 12 years that Earl Warren has been Chief Justice the court has:

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"1. Protected communists to the point that now practically impossible to convict these traitors of foreign saboteurs. The court has caused the release from jail of many convicted communist agents. For this the Communist Party loves Earl Warren, and they are not shy about admitting it.

"2. Banned prayer from public schools.

"3. Protected criminals through grotesque interpretation of the law. This has caused the deepest dismay among law enforcement officers who see murderers and other assorted degenerates go free because of unconstitutional decisions by the Supreme Court, yet they see the court deny a jury trial for the Governor of Mississippi.

[redacted] of the Chicago Crime Commission, said we are reaching a point where preventive police work is almost an impossibility. What sort of men are these that would destroy our legal defenses against communism, protect criminals from justice, and prohibit the free exercise of religion in our schools.

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"Next week we will look at the voting records and strange backgrounds of some of the members of the court now commonly known as the 'Extreme Court.'

"For a comprehensive study of this nine-man dictatorship, The Earl Warren Supreme Court, send \$1 donation to:

"Earl Warren Court  
Box 21  
Miami Shores, Florida."

RE: LET FREEDOM RING

July 12, 1965

"This is Let Freedom Ring.

"The United Nations has become (inaudible) of immorality and treason. (Inaudible) former Premier of France (inaudible) that the hostess of an American (inaudible) uses her apartment to provide white women for African UN delegates. This apartment is investigation-free because of its diplomatic immunity which is paid for by American Tax Payers. Members of the Soviet Union (inaudible) delegates (inaudible) kidnapping with immunity (inaudible).

[redacted] an American citizen was kidnapped by spies of the UN and (inaudible) a UN diplomat from Denmark was, according to congressional investigation, murdered by communist gangsters in the UN. There are at least 18 known communist agents in the UN that carry guns around the New York area, and the policemen can do nothing because of their diplomatic immunity, yet a New Yorker who has not (inaudible) the law can be sent to jail for carrying a gun.

"(Inaudible) the British publisher has said, 'You Americans are a strange contradiction. You spend huge sums of money fighting the (inaudible) in your country, but at the same time, there are on the east side of New York, and partly with money given by the Rockefellers, have created the biggest (inaudible) headquarters in the world, the UN. Why a great nation like the United States bothers to belong to such a monster organization is more than I can honestly comprehend.'

"One of our congressmen, the Honorable Lawrence Smith of Wisconsin, has been even more blunt about it. He said 'The UN is a permanent international snake pit where (inaudible) has given

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"a form for hate. The government's moral aggression against peace."

"For the truth about the UN send a \$1 donation for a 240-page book entitled 'The Fearful Master,' to Box 21, Miami Shores, Florida.

"Thank you for calling 'Let Freedom Ring,' and call again Monday for a new message.

August 2, 1965

"This is Let Freedom Ring.

"The United States Supreme Court, because of its pro-communist decisions and reckless disregard for decency and law and order has lost the confidence of the American people. That this should happen is not surprising after examining the strange left-wing backgrounds of many of the judges.

"Justice Hugo Black, who was a member of the KKK, received a medal from a communist-front organization. Justice Black has a very consistent voting record. He has voted in favor of the communists 100 per cent of the time.

"Justice William O. Douglas, a publicity hound and advocate of world government, goes out of his way to praise Soviet kangaroo courts; in fact, Justice Douglas praises practically everything Russian and has voted for the communist position in 97 per cent of the cases in which he has participated.

"Justice William J. Brown thinks that communists should be allowed to see FBI files if they are prosecuted; has voted pro-communist 96 per cent of the time.

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"Arthur Goldberg, now Ambassador to the United Nations, voted consistently for the communist position. He had four communist-front affiliations according to the proceedings of the House Committee on Unamerican Activities.

"Chief Justice Earl Warren, under whose leadership the Supreme Court has destroyed our legal bulwark against communism, shackled law enforcement officers, destroyed the sovereignty of the states, banned prayer in the schools, and opened the mail to the distribution of pornography, has voted for the communist position 95 per cent of the time. With these sinister backgrounds is it any wonder that Representative John Bell Williams said that the Supreme Court is conspiring to communize America?

"For a 32-page report on the pro-communist Earl Warren Court, send \$1 donation to:

"Earl Warren Court  
P. O. Box 21  
Miami Shores, Florida

"Thank you for calling 'Let Freedom Ring,' call again next week when we will examine one of the Warren Court's most fantastic decisions - the School Desegregation Case."

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Copies of this memorandum are being furnished locally to the 111th INTC Group and to the U. S. Secret Service.

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Date: 8/12/65

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (62-658) (C)

## INFORMATION CONCERNING

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\_\_\_\_\_ (PROTECT IDENTITY), advised IC  
 \_\_\_\_\_ on 8/11/65 that Clearwater telephone number  
 446-9197 is listed as follows:

LET FREEDOM RING  
 1203 South Fort Harrison  
 Clearwater, Florida

The Bureau's attention is directed to Tampa airtel  
 to the Bureau 8/10/65 captioned, "LET FREEDOM RING" recorded  
 telephone message, Clearwater, Fla. (Tampa file 157-2004),  
 which furnished a LHM concerning this matter for dissemination.

\_\_\_\_\_ has been contacted and agreed  
 to furnish information available to her and other persons who  
 have information concerning this organization. Any pertinent  
 information received from \_\_\_\_\_ will be furnished the  
 Bureau under the caption of "LET FREEDOM RING" recorded tele-  
 phone message, Clearwater, Fla.

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C. C. Wick

Approved: 274

Special Agent in Charge

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## Memorandum

August 20, 1965

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal DivisionFMV:FSB:cas  
146-1-17M-132SUBJECT: Des Moines, Iowa:  
"Let Freedom Ring"

By memorandum to the Attorney General dated July 6, 1965, you furnished a copy of a transcribed telephone message apparently distributed by "Let Freedom Ring" and requested to be advised whether the message constitutes a violation of Federal law. On July 26, 1965, Assistant Attorney General Yeagley forwarded a copy of your memorandum and enclosure for consideration under the statutes administered by the Criminal Division.

Our review of your memorandum and the contents of the message indicates that a violation of the statutes under our supervision has not occurred. With reference to the advertisement contained in the last six sentences of the message, we note the absence of any evidence of fraud or false pretenses, which evidence would be a prerequisite to prosecution under Section 1343, Title 18, United States Code. With reference to 18 U.S.C. 612, we find the message does not include any statement "relating to or concerning any person who . . . [had] publicly declared his intention to seek a Federal elective office at the approximate time the message was transcribed. The message does not, moreover, contain any threats within the purview of 18 U.S.C. 875 or any other criminal statute.

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COSTA MESA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA

Mr. Tolson\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter\_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room\_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes\_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy\_\_\_\_\_

July 30, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Chief of the F.B.I.

Dear Sir:

O LET FREEDOM RING

This is to inform you that the Costa Mesa Federated  
Republican Women has endorsed the resolution passed by the  
State Federated Republican Women.

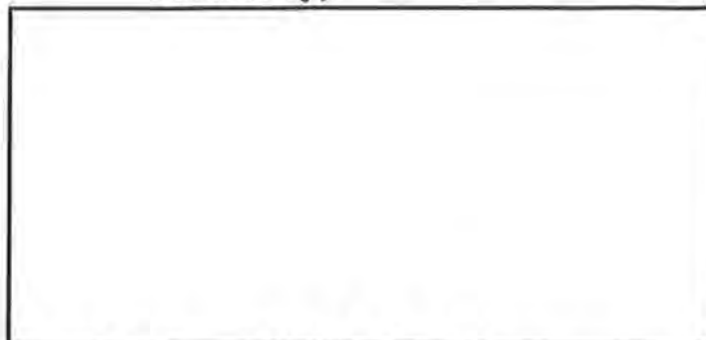
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A copy of this resolution is enclosed.

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Sincerely,



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RESOLUTION\*\*

Whereas, a series of telephone messages which consist of defamatory attacks upon the character and motives of many of our leaders is currently being disseminated upon the pretext of selling, and refers to The Gravediggers and The Politician as support for these charges which are wildly emotional and inflammatory, and

Whereas, We feel that this project is an extension of the activities of fanatics who twist events to their own purposes, and who look upon all recent history which does not coincide with their personal views as t reasonous plots, and

Whereas, We are concerned that no well organized, well financed conspiracy of either the right or left, which are equally dangerous to freedom, achieve ascendancy in the United States, now

Therefore Be it Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the California Federation of Republican Women condemns this false and treacherous propaganda, especially the slanderous attack upon General Dwight D. Eisenhower, and urgently request and investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation into the origin, sponsorship, and objectives of this vicious activity.

Be it Further Resolved that a copy of this Resolution, together with the transcript of the attack on General Eisenhower be sent to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the F.B.I., to Mr. E. William Henry, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, and to Senator Everett Dirksen and Representative Gerald R. Ford, minority leaders in Congress.

copy:

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*This was not  
received 8/23/61  
Kls*

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August 26, 1965

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[Redacted]  
Costa Mesa Federation of Republican Women  
Costa Mesa, California

Dear [Redacted]

I have received the letter of August 17th, with enclosure, signed by you and [Redacted] and it was indeed thoughtful of you to bring this matter to our attention.

You may be assured the FBI will continue to do everything within its power to discharge its responsibilities with the highest degree of dispatch and thoroughness.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - San Francisco - Enclosures (2)  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Belmont - Los Angeles - Enclosures (2)  
Mr. Mohr - San Diego - Enclosures (2)  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Casper  
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NOTE: There is no record of [redacted] or [redacted] in Bufiles. There is no record of the Costa Mesa Federation of Republican Women. In the Resolution, which was enclosed, reference is made to "The Gravediggers," which was written by Phyllis Schlafly and Chester Ward. It has been brought to the attention of the Bureau in the past. It was published in 1964 and tells of the steps taken to disarm the United States. "The Politician" has also been brought to the attention of the Bureau and was reviewed in 1960. It was written by Robert Welch and attacks the political life and beliefs of former President Eisenhower. It is believed that the telephone messages referred to in the Resolution are those prepared by the

[redacted] of "Let Freedom Ring, Inc.," a self-described educational project. These messages obtained by dialing a telephone number in various cities have been brought to the Bureau's attention in the past. [redacted] has been described as irresponsible and as a member of the MacArthur Gun Club, considered by a confidential source as a home-guard corps to defend against insurrection in racial matters. This corporation has had numerous connections with the John Birch Society. On July 26, 1965, Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley, Internal Security Division, advised that there was no prosecutable violation under any statute administered in his Division. He advised that the transcript of the telephone messages in that instance were being referred to the Criminal Division of the Department for further consideration. There is no indication in Bufiles of their disposition. (157-1704)



FBI

Date: 8/10/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

To: Director, FBI

Att.: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Mon  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Mon

From: SAC, TAMPA (157-2004) (C)

Subject: "LET FREEDOM RING"  
RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGE  
CLEARWATER, FLA.☐ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☒ RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Also enclosed are two copies of FD 376.

This memorandum has been disseminated to US Secret Service and INTC, Tampa, Fla., ONI, Charleston, S.C., and OSI, Robins AFB, Ga.

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD! 55

Date Forw. AUG 17 1965

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By JAS - 157-1704-37X  
Room 828 157-3819-1① Bureau (Enclosures 10)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Tampa, Florida  
August 10, 1965

"LET FREEDOM RING"  
RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGE  
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

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On May 10, 1965, [redacted]  
[redacted] General Telephone Company of Florida, Tampa, Florida,  
advised Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
that a recording is played when Clearwater, Florida, number  
446-9197 is dialed.

He stated that some individuals leased two lines  
to this number for the playing of this recording. The recording  
relates to the activities of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On May 25, 1965, [redacted] employee,  
Minneapolis Honeywell Regulator Company, US Highway 19,  
St. Petersburg, Florida, advised a Special Agent of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation that he had determined  
that when the above mentioned telephone number is dialed,  
the person dialing hears a one minute recorded message  
which discusses the discriminatory practices in the South  
against the white man and how white people would feel the  
Federal boot when the Civil Rights Act was enforced in  
July, 1965. The recording requests the person calling  
to help fight this situation by sending \$.25 to Post Office  
Box 395, Largo, Florida.

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On June 1, 1965, [redacted]  
[redacted] advised a special agent  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the person  
dialing the above mentioned telephone number hears a  
recording played which in essence states that missiles  
are poised in Cuba for strikes against the United States.  
The United States is set up for a take over by United  
Nations forces after President LYNDON JOHNSON puts through  
his anti-gun program law. The recording states that  
additional information can be secured by sending a dona-  
tion of \$1.00 to Box 1775, Sarasota, Florida, and anyone  
who did so would receive two booklets entitled, "Grave  
Diggers". [redacted] stated the message lasted about  
three minutes.

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"LET FREEDOM RING"  
RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGE  
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

On July 8, 1965, [ ] advised that  
the General Telephone Company records revealed that the  
above mentioned telephone number was leased to [ ]

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He said that [ ] credit card reveals  
she has been a customer of the company since at least 1957.  
Her account is in good shape and she appears to be financial  
able to maintain telephone service. He said that the  
company possessed no other background information except  
that in conversation with [ ] one of the employees  
of the company determined that she was divorced in her  
50's and probably retired.

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[ ] stated that the telephone company can  
do nothing regarding this type of activity as it is not  
a violation of their tariff.

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This memorandum has been disseminated to US  
Secret Service and INTC, Tampa, Florida, OSI, Robins Air  
Force Base, Georgia, and ONI, Charleston, South Carolina.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Tampa, Florida  
August 10, 1965

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chief  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

**"LET FREEDOM RING"  
RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGE  
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA**

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

August 31, 1965

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

1 - Belmont  
1 - Mohr  
1 - DeLoach  
1 - Sullivan  
1 - Baumgardner  
1 - Martin

Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to my letter of July 6, 1965, setting forth background information concerning "Let Freedom Ring." You had previously inquired as to whether certain taped messages highly critical of President Johnson emanating from a telephone in Des Moines, Iowa, violated any Federal law.

In accordance with your request, this matter was referred to the Attorney General. It is the opinion of the Department of Justice that the messages which are highly critical of our defense and foreign policies do not violate any Federal law.

Sincerely yours,

- 157-1704 (Let Freedom Ring)

**NOTE:**

See cover memorandum F. J. Baumgardner to W.C. Sullivan dated 8/30/65 captioned [redacted] Des Moines, Iowa, Information Concerning (Internal Security)," prepared by JLM:deh.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 8/31/65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT:

DES MOINES, IOWA  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Martin

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Mr. DeLoach's memorandum 7/1/65 entitled "Critical Remarks Concerning President and Vietnam Policy" reported that Governor Hughes of Iowa had telephonically advised Marvin Watson of the White House that by dialing a number in Des Moines, Iowa, a recorded message highly critical of the President and his Vietnam policy could be heard. Watson asked that we find out about this, identify the subscriber of the telephone and advise whether any violation of Federal law exists.

Our investigation revealed that the telephone number in question was registered to "Let Freedom Ring" at the residence of

is a member of the John Birch Society.

The Omaha Office obtained a transcription of the telephone message which is extremely critical of the Johnson Administration.

"Let Freedom Ring" is an extreme rightwinger. writes the telephone messages for "Let Freedom Ring" and distributes them to radio stations and persons who use them in taped telephone messages.

A transcription of the Des Moines, Iowa, telephone message was furnished to the Attorney General for an opinion concerning the possible violation of Federal law.

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157-1704 ("Let Freedom Ring")

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan

Re:   
DES MOINES, IOWA

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|| All of the above information was furnished to the White House in a letter to the Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, on 7/6/65.

The Department has now rendered a decision and they are of the opinion that the use of the telephone in this instance and the statements included in the "Let Freedom Ring" messages do not violate any Federal law.

RECOMMENDATION:

Attached for approval is a letter to the Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, advising him of the Department's decision.

*JM* *SFP/yl* *WBS* *[Signature]* *V* *[Signature]*





Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
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Mr. Trotter  
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Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

# LET FREEDOM RING!

INCORPORATED P.O. BOX 648 1775 SARASOTA, FLORIDA

September 9, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In the three years of existence of the Let Freedom Ring! operation, the national anti-communist telephone network, we have encountered a particularly dirty form of smear by the left wing anti-anti-communist press. This consists of using innuendoes and outright lies in which the implication is established that Let Freedom Ring! is looked upon in an unfavorable light by the FBI. As you know, when the FBI is mentioned in relation to an organization the general reading public automatically assumes that that organization is subversive or close to being subversive.

In the enclosed article from the Miami Herald of September 6, 1968, states that "the FBI disclosed..." and then goes on to imply that he obtained some or all of his material for his article from an "FBI spokesman" in Washington.

The term "extreme right wing" is, of course, the language used by the extreme left wing to discredit legitimate anti-communist organizations. I find it difficult to believe that an FBI spokesman described us in this manner.

I do not expect an opinion from you, Mr. Hoover, regarding the Miami Herald, or Let Freedom Ring! Inc. but I felt it was my duty to call this using of the FBI for propaganda purposes to your attention.

Yours respectfully,

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[Redacted signature area]

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# Right-Wing Raps U.S. in Phone Calls

By MILLER DAVIS  
Herald Staff Writer

A South Dade telephone number that offers unfavorable opinions about the Peace Corps and the State Department is a link in a national network of ultra-right conservatives, the FBI disclosed Sunday.

The same message in the same measured tone, calm and slightly nasal, could be dialed this week in Miami, Baltimore, Denver and Los Angeles.

Beginning with, "This is Let Freedom Ring," the taped message launches immediately into the theme, "The Peace Corps Tragedy."

"One gets the uneasy feeling," the carefully modulated male voice goes on, "that the Peace Corps is something akin to the Hitler Youth Movement with a Communist twist. It is a taxpayer-financed, anti-American, brain-washing operation for American youth."

Pause:

"Peace Corpsmen are engaged in open treason in the Dominican Republic, aiding the rebel Communists who are killing U.S. Marines."

"Yet no one in the Peace Corps has been tried for treason, and Sargent Shriver (corps director) has not been fired for incompetence."

The recording charges Syracuse University in New York with harboring a "leader of African terrorists groups" who is "indoctrinating Peace Corps students" there. It identified him as Eduardo Montaigne.

It accuses a Peace Corps advisor, the Rev. James H.

Robinson, of "ten Communist-front affiliations," and says a Congressman asked that Robinson be removed. Shriver "ignored" the demand, the message says.

The tape concludes with the apparently irrelevant observation that "the State Department made very little effort to hide its involvement in the Berkeley (University of California) riots."

The "Let Freedom Ring" phone number in Dade County appears from time to time in newspaper ads and pops up on bulletin boards, on some churches, civic clubs and even in an occasional police station.

An FBI spokesman in Washington Sunday identified the recordings as originating in Omaha, with wide distribution in major cities.

The spokesman described the group as "extreme right wing," adding that, "We're aware of what they're doing." He did not elaborate.

Peace Corps Director of Public Affairs Donovan McClure said his office became aware of the national character of the organization when telephone calls from "Denver, Baltimore and other places" began flooding corps switchboards in Washington.

"Many were corps parents, frightened after hearing the messages, and wanting to know what they are about," McClure said.

McClure added, "Radio Moscow and Peking have been labeling the Peace Corps capitalist imperialism, for some time."

"But this is the first time we've been called Communists," he said.

Joseph Reap, a State Department information officer, said, "I can't figure out what they mean, about the University of California riots. The State Department

had nothing to do with the rioting. What possibly could they mean?"

The occupants of the home from where the "freedom" messages originate were not at home Sunday, and neighbors were unaware of the voice in their block.

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September 16, 1965

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Let Freedom Ring! Incorporated  
Post Office Box 1775  
Sarasota, Florida

Dear [redacted]

Mr. Hoover received your letter of September 9th, with enclosure, and asked me to assure you the FBI does not characterize any organization, publication or individual. As a result, he is certain you will understand the statement attributed to an FBI spokesman is apparently a misquotation. Information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, this Bureau is not in a position to release such data or statements.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

- 1 - Miami - Enclosures (2)
- 1 - Tampa - Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Let Freedom Ring! Incorporated is the subject of Bufile 157-2279. This group was founded in 1962 [redacted] and has taped telephone messages which people can call in order to get a release. Many of these messages have been noted to be extreme in that they point out failures of the Johnson Administration to contain communist Cuba and other matters bearing upon white supremacy and racism.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1704) DATE: 9/22/65

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (157-1334) ( P )

SUBJECT: LET FREEDOM RING,  
RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGE,  
MIAMI TELEPHONE NUMBER 221-6767,  
MIAMI, FLORIDA  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Miami letter and letterhead memorandum dated 8/13/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned as above.

One copy of the memorandum is being furnished to Jacksonville and Tampa in view of their interest in this matter.

Miami will continue to follow the activities of captioned matter.

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  - 1 - Jacksonville (157-1025) (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
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BY: [Signature]



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Miami, Florida  
September 22, 1965

RE: LET FREEDOM RING,  
RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGE,  
MIAMI TELEPHONE NUMBER 221-6767,  
MIAMI, FLORIDA  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to communication dated August 13, 1965, captioned as above.

The following are verbatim transcripts of recordings published by "Let Freedom Ring," which can be obtained by dialing telephone number 221-6767 in Miami, Florida.

August 9, 1965

"This is Let Freedom Ring. One of the most fantastic decisions of the Earl Warren Supreme Court was on the Desegregation of America's public schools. We will not attempt to argue the merits or demerits on segregation or integration, but will only point out the incredible background of this case and how it has done ~~a~~ <sup>reputable</sup> harm to the Constitution of the United States. It is extremely urgent for all Americans to understand the Communist influence in the segregation decision for all good Americans are for preserving the Constitution no matter how they may feel on the race issue.

"The Earl Warren Court reversing all previous decisions of the court, ruled in 1954 that segregation in public schools on the basis of race is unconstitutional. They based their decision on 'Modern Authorities', but as Senator Eastland has pointed out, these so-called authorities have had intimate and long-term associations with the International Communist conspiracy. Among the people whom the Supreme Court considers experts are:

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[redacted]  
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[redacted] 'The Negro in the United States' has been officially adopted by the Communists, yet the Supreme Court cited this Communist approved book as authority in the school desegregation cases.

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[redacted]  
'An American Dilemma' contains 16 contributors with pro-Communist records, but the Warren Court calls this Communist dominated book their principal authority for their desegregation decision. Every American concerned about the Federal takeover of our schools should read Senator Eastland's revealing and shocking report of the Desegregation Case.

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"For a copy of this 16 page document, send \$.25 in coins to:

"Eastland Report  
P. O. Box 21  
Miami Shores, Florida

"Thank you for calling Let Freedom Ring, call again Monday for a new message."

August 16, 1965

"This is Let Freedom Ring. The American people cannot depend upon the large circulation magazines for the truth. For instance, 'Look', 'Life', and other mass propaganda organs help to sell the American people the idea that the Chinese Communists were agrarian reformers and that Castro was the George Washington of Cuba.

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[redacted] 'While You Slept', that 'Saturday Evening Post' in one six year period published more than 60 articles which promoted the communist life. One of the few publications that consistently gives the truth to the American people is 'American Opinion' magazine, the greatest anti-Communist magazine in the English speaking language. The July - August issue of

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"the 'American Opinion', should be read by every American interested in his own survival.

"Most wholesale magazine distributors do not carry this anti-Communist magazine, but the latest Russian pictorial in full color is often available at newsstands. This Communist propaganda sells at below cost because it is subsidized by the American tax payer.

"If the 'American Opinion' is not available, ask your dealer to carry it. For the July - August issue send \$1.00 to:

"Box 21  
Miami Shores, Florida

"The cover article about [redacted] of Korea, the father of his country, is alone worth the price of the magazine. Do not miss this sensational July - August issue, send your order with \$1.00 to:

"'American Opinion'  
Box 21  
Miami Shores,  
Florida"

August 23, 1965

*-AL 5275*  
"This is Let Freedom Ring. Last year Senator Frank Lausche, of Ohio, announced from the floor of the United States Senate, that a Negro army of riflemen was being organized in the Northern United States. This shocking news was largely suppressed by the news media. In the South armed groups of Negroes are rapidly expanding with the quiet cooperation of the so-called non-violent Congress of Racial Equality. As a National Police Cadet reports, the Castro Agent, [redacted] working from Havana, has organized over 100 rifle clubs in the South. This kidnapper and traitor has written a book in which he brags about the army of southern Negroes. One of the forwards of this subversive book was written by the arch-hypocrite and Nobel certified peace lover, Martin Luther King. Williams,

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"broadcasting from Cuba, has said, 'Arm yourselves, the blades are in the right hand, but put them to good use now, use them on the two-legged dog.' [redacted] was of course, referring to the white citizens, and to the majority of American Negroes who do not wish to participate in a bloody race war against their fellow Americans. The reign of terror is approaching and the Communists have admitted that they will attempt to fragment the United States, first by splitting up the south, and creating a black Negro republic, consisting of parts of Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas and Tennessee. From the radio, edition of the Independent American, 'The preachers of violence and counter-violence and those who would agitate black and white to fight each other physically, whether they know it or not, are only serving the cause of the Communists.' For a clear understanding of the Negro Revolutionary Movement, send \$.25 in coin to:

"The Negro Revolution  
Box 21  
Miami Shores,  
Florida

"Thank you for calling Let Freedom Ring. Call again Monday for a new message."

August 30, 1965

"This is Let Freedom Ring. The Peace Corps, long sacred cow of the administration, has become a taxpayer-financed, anti-American brainwashing operation for America's youth. One gets the uneasy feeling that something akin to the Hitler Youth Movement, with a Communist twist, has been born in America and is spilling its poison here and abroad. The Peace Corps engaged in open treason in the Dominican Republic where these beatniks, school dropouts, and revolutionaries aided the Communist rebels who were killing American Marines, but no one in the Peace Corps was charged with treason, and Peace Corps Director, Sergeant Shriver, was not fired for incompetence; as a matter of fact, Lyndon Johnson said

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"the Peace Corps must go on no matter what the cost. [redacted] predicted in 1961, that the Peace Corps will become a rallying point for all the leading agitators of our college campuses, and of course he was right. The leader of an African terrorist movement in Wado Mon-dlean (phonetic), has been indoctrinating Peace Corps recruits at Syracuse University. A member of the Peace Corps advisory counsel, [redacted] has 10 Government-cited communist front affiliations. A U. S. Congressman demanded that this Communist front be removed, but Sergeant Shriver ignored this demand and is now recruiting Peace Corpsmen among the revolutionaries who brought the University of California to its knees through Communist directed riots. Shriver could hardly find worse people to represent America abroad, if he went directly to the Communist Party itself. The State Department has made little effort to hide its involvement in Berkley riots, and the Department even prints anti-American propaganda on its mimeograph machine for use by Peace Corps members. For confirmation of these scandalous facts and more about the subversive nature of the Peace Corps, send 25 cents in coin to:

"Peace Corps Tragedy  
Box 21  
Miami Shores,  
Florida

"Thank you for calling Let Freedom Ring.  
Call again Monday for a new message."

September 13, 1965

"This is Let Freedom Ring. Liberals scream loudly enough, 'Separation of Church and State' when children bow their heads in simple prayer at a public school. But these so-called intellectuals are silent about the involvement of the National Council of Churches in politics and foreign policy. The National Council of Churches is not a theological organization, but a tax-exempt



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political lobby. For instance, the National Council of Churches endorses the forcing of workers into labor unions by Federal legislation and has become a paid political arm of Moscow-trained [redacted] AFL-CIO. In 1954, the Council received a payoff of \$200,000 from that labor organization, for its cooperation in union politics. The National Council of Churches has from its beginning been under the control of Communists and Communist fellow travelers. Among their most vicious spokesmen are:

[redacted]  
[redacted] of a Communist front, called the Methodist Federation of Social Action.

[redacted] of the National Council of Churches, has been supporting Communist causes for 20 years.

[redacted] of the original organization called the Federation Council of Churches, and has been identified under oath as a Communist. This is only a sample of National Council of Churches pro-red leadership. Let us quote from hearings of the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities:

"The leadership of National Council of Churches, we have heard over 100 persons with records of service to the Communist causes. The aggregate affiliations of leadership is now according to our latest count in the thousands.' Many church members are now making their pledges with the following restrictive statement, 'payable within one year after date of withdrawal from the National Council of Churches.'

For more information on this sudo-religious organization, sent 25 cents in coin to:

"National Council of Churches Story  
Box 21  
Miami Shores  
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"Thank you for calling Let Freedom Ring."

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Copies of this memorandum are being furnished locally to the 111th INTC Group and to the United States Secret Service.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2279)

DATE: September 7, 1965

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-716) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

Let Freedom Ring  
Sarasota, Florida  
RACIAL MATTERS  
OO: TAMPA

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Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated August 13, 1965.

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On August 28, 1965 [redacted] Communications Division, Chicago Police Department, telephonically furnished information to the effect that he had received an anonymous telephone call from a woman who stated she had received a card bearing the telephone number 463-1786 which when called revealed it was a recorded message dealing with the Negro revolution and the fact that Negroes were organizing armies to fight the white people in the United States. The recording mentioned [redacted] (Negro fugitive out of North Carolina on a charge of kidnapping) who purportedly is now in Cuba and purportedly has organized a number of rifle clubs in the United States for the purpose of arming Negroes in their fight against the whites. This recording ends by stating that if anyone wanted to get the full details regarding the Negro revolution they should send 25¢ to "Negro Revolution, Post Office Box 1775, Sarasota, Florida."

On August 28, 1965, through a contact with the Illinois Bell Telephone Information Service, it was determined that the subscriber to telephone number 463-1786 is one [redacted]. The current Chicago Telephone Directory also contains a listing for [redacted] telephone number [redacted].

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On August 31, 1965, Chicago indices reflect a reference to [redacted] dated July 26, 1965, which refers to the telephone number 463-1786 which when called in July, 1965, revealed a recorded message beginning "Let Freedom Ring" which message was critical of the United States Government's action in the Dominican Republic. In the opinion of an agent who dialed the above number, the recording was a right-wing attack on the Government's policies in the Dominican Republic and its context was anti-communist.

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- 2 - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Tampa (RM) (157-1419)  
(1 - 157-1318) (LFR)  
(1 - [redacted]) (LFR)

- 1 - Chicago  
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The above telephone number when contacted on August 31, 1965, revealed another recording which began "Let Freedom Ring" which attacked the Peace Corps and called for the abolishment of the Peace Corps. A transcript of this recording is as follows:

"LET FREEDOM RING"

"The Peace Corps, long the sacred cow of the Administration, has become a taxpayer financed anti-American brainwashing operation for America's youth. One gets the uneasy feeling that something akin to the HITLER Youth Movement with a Communist twist has been born in America and is spawning its poison here and abroad. The Peace Corps engaged in open treason in the Dominican Republic where these beatniks, school dropouts, and revolutionaries, aided the communist rebels who were killing American Marines. No one in the Peace Corps was tried for treason and Peace Corps Director, SERGEANT SHRIVER, was not fired for incompetence above and beyond human belief. As a matter of fact, LYNDON JOHNSON says the Peace Corps must go on no matter what the cost.

[redacted] predicted in 1961 that the Peace Corps would become a rallying point for all the leading agitators of our college campuses and, of course, he was right."

"A leader of an African terrorist movement [redacted] (PH) has been indoctrinating Peace Corps recruits at Syracuse University."

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"A member of the Peace Corps Advisory Council, [redacted] has ten government cited communist front affiliations. A U.S. Congressman demanded this communist front be removed, but SHRIVER ignored this demand and is now recruiting Peace Corpsmen among the revolutionaries who brought the University of California to its knees through communist directed riots. SHRIVER could hardly find worse people to represent America if he went directly to the Communist Party itself. The State Department has made little effort to hide its involvement in the Berkeley riots and the Department even prints anti-American propaganda on its mimeograph machine for use by Peace Corps militants."

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The Peace Corps, a sick joke at best, should be abolished. For confirmation of these scandalous facts and more about the subversive nature of the Peace Corps, send 25¢ in coin to "The Peace Corps Tragedy", Box 1775, Sarasota, Florida. Let Freedom Ring."

It is noted this recording indicates that anyone desiring further information should send 25¢ in coin to "The Peace Corps Tragedy", Post Office Box 1775, Sarasota, Florida.

FBI

Date: 9/7/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2279)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-716) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

LET FREEDOM RING,  
SARASOTA, FLORIDA  
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: TAMPA

Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated 9/7/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau is an original newspaper article contained in the 9/4/65 edition of the "Chicago Sun-Times" and an original newspaper article contained in the 9/4/65 edition of the "Chicago's American," both daily newspapers of general circulation in the Chicago, Illinois, area. Enclosed also for the Bureau is one Xerox copy of each article.

Enclosed for the Indianapolis Division is one Xerox copy of each article; for the Springfield Division two Xerox copies of each article; and for the Tampa Division three Xerox copies of each article.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 4) ENCLOSURE
- 1 - Indianapolis (Enc. 2) (Info.) (RM)
- 2 - Springfield (Enc. 4) (Info.) (RM)
- 3 - Tampa (Enc. 6) (Info.) (RM)
- 1 - 157-1318 (LFR)
- 1 - Chicago

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Approved: 

Special Agent in Charge

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# Taped Phone Messages Protested

By Burnell Heinecke

A tape-recorded telephone message operation, which locally this week is labeling the Peace Corps as "subversive," led the Anti-Defamation League to file a protest with the Federal Communications Commission.

The federal regulatory body was asked to initiate proceedings requiring telephone companies to curb "flagrant abuses of their recorded message service" such as those listed against "Let Freedom Ring Inc. of Sarasota, Fla."

The ADL took the action just a few days after issuing a special four-page "Facts" edition for August devoted exclusively to the "Let Freedom Ring" operation across the nation.

## Linked To Birch Society

The report links the LFR telephone-recording setup to the John Birch Society, both in Chicago and elsewhere, and tings it as "a new voice of the radical right in America (which) whispers in an area where so many shout raucously."

The petition to the FCC declares the anonymous recordings make "abusive and extremist attacks and libels on individuals and institutions."

Obscene, fraudulent and libelous statements are not within the area of constitutionally

protected speech, the ADL petition asserts.

It acknowledges the telephone companies cannot be held liable if they have no knowledge of the libelous content of the messages broadcast on their Automatic Announcement Service. However, the ADL petition declares, once the officials of the phone company are informed of li-

belous content of a message, the company should be able to deny use of its facilities for such messages.

## Similar Setups

The Chicago operation has been under careful watch of Illinois Bell Telephone Co. officials since its inception earlier this year. Similar phone setups are operating in Hammond, Calumet City and Downstate Decatur and Danville, according to the Chicago office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The Hammond phone this week was busily repeating the message which "ran" in Chicago the week of Aug. 26 — on the subject of "The Negro Revolution." In Washington, it was reported that the same message was "held over" for three weeks in Baltimore when it ran right after the Los Angeles riots.

The Mayor's Commission on Human Relations has asked the corporation counsel's office, as well as the Illinois attorney

general and the U.S. attorney's office here, to determine whether any laws are being violated locally. The "racial" message led to the inquiry.

Each message usually concentrates on one subject, with a closing appeal to send 25 cents to either a local or a Florida postal box number for literature on the topic.

This week's Chicago message, for example, declares: "The Peace Corps, long a sacred cow of the administration, has become a taxpayer-financed, anti-American, brainwashing operation for America's youth. One gets the uneasy feeling that something akin to the Hitler Youth Movement, with a Communist twist, has been born in Amer-

ica and is spawning its poison here and abroad."

It was the April message on former President Dwight D. Eisenhower which called him "an ersatz conservative with a pro-Communist record" and "one of the greatest phonies ever put over on the American people" which first brought the Let Freedom Ring telephone setup to public attention here.

The messages come from tapes supplied by LFR's creator, Dr. William Campbell Douglass, a Sarasota physician listed by the Anti-Defamation League as a John Birch member. In his literature, Dr. Douglass says his is "a non-profit corporation established to disseminate anti-Communist, anti-Socialist, pro-American broadcasts via a telephone tape recording. Your 'customer' dials a number and gets two minutes of anti-Communist dynamite."

But ADL said in both its report and its FCC petition that the scripts consist of "lurid visions of a Communist conspiracy" lurking behind civil

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CHICAGO SUN TIMES  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Date: 9-4-65

Edition:

Author: BURNELL HEINECKE

Editor:

Title:

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rights, the United Nations, the Supreme Court, the last three U.S. Presidents, the State Department, the press, the National Council of Churches, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Anti-Defamation League, and so on."

Often cited as sources for various bits of information used in the scripts are Kent Courtney, publisher of the Independent American in New Orleans; Fulton Lewis Jr., the radio commentator; organs of the John Birch Society and "the more excited bulletins and tracts of the far-out fringe."

"Let Freedom Ring services the radical right, from its isolated ax-grinders to its largest national membership organization, with a weekly propaganda scare available around the clock," the ADL reports.

There is a heavy anti-Negro content, it notes, with many "messages" over the last two years devoted to "incitement to 'anti-Communist' arms gathering" with tales of Negro revolutionary plots.

In May, 1964, one broadcast warned "there is documented proof that Negroes are being armed for open revolution this summer."

After charging the National Council of Churches with "openly promoting bloodshed through armed revolution by Negroes" and attacking gun-registration legislation as part of a Communist plot, the 1964 message said, "We also urge our listeners to purchase a rifle or a pistol for home defense. We are not—we repeat—we are not promoting insurrection as the National Council of Churches. We are merely urging you to exercise your constitutional and God-given right to protect yourself."

This week in the Hammond-Gary area, the recorded-voice talks "more of Negro revolution and adds a footnote about a forthcoming appearance in Gary of a supposed former undercover agent who will discuss "the terror problem."

In his promotional literature, Douglass "sets a lofty image. . . . 'We want to keep it on a high level—out of the hands of racists for example,'" the ADL report observes.

His broadcasts, however, the ADL report declares, have amounted to "near hysteria" in response to the civil rights movement and have painted a "picture of civil anarchy etched in gunsmoke."

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## B'nai B'rith Hits Right-Wing Tapes

Taped phone messages entitled "Let Freedom Ring" are under attack by the Anti-Defamation league of B'nai B'rith, which charges they are extremely right wing.

The charges were filed yesterday by the league with the Federal Communications commission. The complaint asks that phone companies thruout the nation be required to halt "abuse or fraudulent use of the service."

These messages, the league said, are available in many cities, including Chicago, to anyone who dials certain numbers. The league's complaint charges that the messages paint "lurid descriptions of a 'communist conspiracy' allegedly lurking behind civil rights, the United Nations, the Supreme court, the last three Presidents of the United States, the state department, the press . . ." and others.

The league said scripts for the recordings are provided by Dr. William C. Douglass, 39, a Sarasota, Fla., physician, identified by the league as a member of the John Birch society.

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CHICAGO'S AMERICAN  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Date: 9-4-65

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Edition:

Author: DIAMOND FINAL

Editor:

Title:

LET FREEDOM RING

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Submitting Office:

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[redacted]  
September 10, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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We, as sincerely interested citizens, refer you to the enclosure, and would like to know:

Is the statement of [redacted] correct in stating that the message transmitted via the telephone recording by "Let Freedom Ring", "consists of lurid visions of a Communist conspiracy allegedly lurking behind civil rights, "etc.

157-3819 We have listened to the recording which alerts us to an armed revolution of Communist and Negro Rifle Groups. We have also taped the recording, and if this recording is true in fact, why is it not being found in the various news media and heard through the television channels - the usual source of information available to the general public.

Do you have any information for us as to the truth of this "Let Freedom Ring" message.

Thanking you for your attention, we remain

Very truly yours,

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Dear

The letter of September 10th. with enclosure. from you and your husband, also signed by [redacted] [redacted] has been received.

While I certainly would like to be of service to you, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In addition, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to comment on material not prepared by personnel of this Bureau. Therefore, I am certain you will understand why I cannot comment as you suggested. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

**Enclosures (2)**  
**"Our Heritage of Greatness"**  
**Let's Fight Communism Sanely!**

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with the [redacted] or the [redacted] "Let Freedom Ring" is well known to the Bureau. Our relations with [redacted] have been cordial and we have exchanged cordial correspondence.

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October 6, 1965

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-25-81 BY 1045

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 1st, with enclosure, has been received.

While I would like to be of service to you, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to comment on material not prepared by personnel of this Bureau. In addition, this Bureau does not characterize any organization, publication or individual. As a result, I am certain you will understand why I am not in a position to comment specifically as you have indicated.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

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1 - Cincinnati - Enclosure

NOTE: [redacted] was written 11-24-64 and sent Bureau reprint material. At that time she was not identifiable in Bufiles. Let Freedom Ring is well known in Bureau files as telephone messages disseminating extreme views.

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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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TRUE COPY

[redacted]  
Oct. 1, 1965

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

This operation, "Let Freedom Ring," started about two months ago in Columbus. I wouldn't consider it a "hate message" so much as a large dose of facts. It is pretty hard to take - but necessary if the public is to become informed.

[redacted]  
[redacted] has been nice enough to print my letters upon the several occasions when I could no longer remain quiet. Maybe the Catholics of Columbus, every one of whom receive this paper, should not be left with the impression that the F.B.I. consider this a "vicious activity."

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We understand how very valuable your time is and would deeply appreciate any remarks you might be able to make on this subject. I promise not to misquote you!

Very sincerely,

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Oct. 1, 1965

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Belmont  
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Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
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Very sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Evans	
Mr. Gale	
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COMMENT

Area code 614: 263-1881

certainly almost all our people were gratified last March when our own Bishop Carberry was named to head the shops' Ecumenical Subcommittee to engage in conversations with the National Council of Churches, the nation's major federation of Protestant and Orthodox bodies.

You can imagine the shock therefore received by a caller last month who dialed the above Columbus telephone number to hear a recorded message which says: "Let Freedom Ring. The National Council of Churches has, from its beginning, been under the control of Communists and Communist Fellow Travellers."

A conditional introduction, no limitation in phrasing, but a categorical statement as quoted, without allowance for excep-

The message goes on to name individuals identified with

Communist causes and closes with another voice of Columbus (as is evident from the local reference and the midwestern twang) which reminds the listener that most local Protestant churches are members of the National Council and that this organization is "satanic" and "pseudo-religious."

Among other things, the syndicated message tells us that NCC literature so filthy it cannot be sent through the mails and "convicted homosexual" was an instructor in a revolutionary course sponsored by the Council. (Shades of the Sen. Kuchel case in California).

What is the "Let Freedom Ring" all about? It is a recorded message provided by the Telephone Automatic Answering service or by a local subscriber but consisting of a script supplied by a physician William Campbell Douglass who came up with it in 1962.

Dr. Douglass founded "Let Freedom Ring" as a non-profit organization to "disseminate anti-Communist, anti-Socialist, pro-American broadcasts" and has entered into franchise agreements with many groups across the country.

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The message is done in "soft-sell" with the voice on the telephone quiet, authoritative and anonymous. Another good touch is that it is obviously the work of an amateur in the speech field. The Columbus message for example is delivered by someone who runs onto his words too fast for a professional, mispronounces "literature" but doubtless appeals to the lowest common denominator because of his sincere and earnest tone. This is very effective in the anti-intellectual climate of our part of the country. As is increasingly evident many people distrust anyone who is a good, sophisticated speaker relegating him to the ranks of the "eggheads".

The message changes frequently because the local subscriber agrees to use at least 40 out of 52 scripts supplied each year. Some of the targets have included a 1962 call for the impeachment of President Kennedy, accusations of treason and pro-communism within the Johnson administration, and continued attacks on the Civil Rights Bill.

The link between this device and the radical right in America is explicit as well as implied. The whole pitch is based on the same premises and indeed most of the promotion done for the project is by avowed members of such organizations as the John Birch Society.

The telephone number is technically an unlisted one, so the actual subscriber may remain anonymous as well, and since this comes under telephone calls and not broadcasts the FCC has no jurisdiction here.

Radio station WCAU in Philadelphia has called these calls "hate messages" which feed "the fires of race hatred and possible violence." It called upon all decent people to renounce such tactics. In May of this year California Federation of Republican Women called them "false and treacherous propaganda" and asked the FBI to look into the "origin, sponsorship and objectives of this vicious activity."

Readers might think we are foolish to supply the phone number of a message we so obviously condemn. Not at all. Just listen and you will hear for yourself how unChristian and unAmerican this thing is. — GAF

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (Your file 157-1025) DATE: 10/4/65

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 157-1704) Room No. 608 R.B. ☐ Post in file and ~~destroyed~~  
(For SOG use only)

SUBJECT: LET FREEDOM RING COMMITTEE  
OF JACKSONVILLE, FLA.  
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

☐ 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.

☒ Reurlet 7/19/65. *By letter 9-17-65,*

☐ 2. DATE ☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo ☐ submitted ☐ report ☐ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter ☐ will be submitted

Reporting employee \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_

☒ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal ☐ Inquiry ☒ Investigation ☐ Prosecution

☐ 5. Submit ☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo ☐ report ☐ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter by \_\_\_\_\_

(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top sheet in case file.)

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October 7, 1965

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"LET FREEDOM RING"

No investigation has been conducted by this Bureau concerning the above organization. However, the following information appears in this Bureau's files which may be pertinent to your request.

[redacted]  
[redacted] the now inactive MacArthur Gun Club, an organization of local Sarasota men reportedly organized to "protect whites against a Negro insurrection." [redacted] the Constitution Party of Florida, a new political party, [redacted] "Let Freedom Ring."

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"Let Freedom Ring" recorded messages are played to persons calling certain telephone numbers. [redacted] now claims to have "30 stations" doing this all over the United States. [redacted] prepares the weekly messages and mails them to the "stations" where they are recorded on play-back equipment. He also mails his weekly messages in printed form to a mailing list of approximately sixty people.

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NOTE: Telephonic request received from [redacted] OEO,  
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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI, and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. This reply is result of check of FBI investigative files. To check arrest records, request must be submitted to FBI Identification Division. Fingerprints are necessary for positive check.

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Drug Adm. (HCU) 2/10/67  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-1-65

FROM :

SUBJECT: REMARKS BY SENATOR JAVITS, REPUBLICAN,  
NEW YORK, ABOUT "LET FREEDOM RING"  
AND FBI CHARACTERIZATION THEREOF  
THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, 9-24-65

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 7/28/87 BY [signature]

Callahan memorandum to the Director 9-27-65 noted Senator Javits remarks concerning "Let Freedom Ring" wherein this group was attributed as releasing messages containing false and treacherous propaganda. Javits noted the FBI had been requested by the conservative California Federation of Republican Women to look into the "origin, sponsorship and objectives of this vicious activity." Javits noted an article from the "Miami Herald" of September 6th stated "A South Dade telephone number that offers uncharitable opinions about the Peace Corps and the State Department is plugged into a national network of way-out rightists, the FBI disclosed Sunday. - - - An FBI spokesman in Washington Sunday identified the recordings as originating in Omaha, with wide distribution in major cities." The Director asked, "What about this? H"

## BUREAU FILES:

"Let Freedom Ring" is

OF SUCH ORGANIZATION

reportedly writes the telephone messages for this network and charges local stations \$20 a year for his scripts. These messages have been noted to be extreme in that they point out failures of the Johnson Administration to contain communist Cuba and other matters bearing upon white supremacy and racism. Our offices throughout the country have been submitting appropriate data concerning complaints brought to their attention.

- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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[redacted] to DeLoach memo  
RE: REMARKS BY SENATOR JAVITS  
THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, 9-24-65

By communication 9-9-65, [redacted] of this movement, enclosed a clipping from the "Miami Herald" setting forth statements allegedly made by an FBI spokesman in Washington on Sunday (September 5th) to the effect that the FBI knew about this movement and considered it backed by extreme right-wingers.

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In-absence reply 9-16-65 to [redacted] told him the FBI does not characterize any organization and that apparently the statement attributed to the FBI spokesman was a misquotation. The confidential nature of data appearing in our files was explained and the conclusion drawn that this Bureau was not in a position to release such statements.

Mr. DeLoach's office noted that no one made any such statement or release on this subject here on in the Miami, Tampa or Jacksonville area.

OBSERVATIONS:

This is obviously a situation wherein an enthusiastic newsman attributed erroneous statements to a Bureau source.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-2004)

DATE: 10/18/65

SUBJECT: "LET FREEDOM RING"  
RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGE  
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA  
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ReTPairtel 8/10/65 captioned as above.

On 10/15/65 [redacted] Clearwater, Florida, advised that the captioned organization with Post Office Box 395, Largo, Florida, was putting out a recorded message over the phone, in which Director J. EDGAR HOOVER was quoted in relation to the United Nations. She was contacted by an Agent and she advised that the person behind these recorded messages is [redacted]

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She said it was her understanding that he is a leading figure in the John Birch Society.

The Agent dialed the number for "Let Freedom Ring" and the message substantially is as follows:

October 24, 1965 has been designated United Nations Day and they begin an attack against the United Nations. The United Nations is a Russian beachhead on American soil and "no other than JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the FBI, has called the United Nations a front for Communist spies." It continues a quote from [redacted] "Here in New York City you have the biggest fifth column in the world." From this point on they tear into the United Nations. They suggest flying the American flag at half mast on United Nations Day. For a copy of the documentation against the United Nations, one is encouraged to send \$1.00 to "UN-Trojan Horse," P. O. Box 395, Largo, Florida. The announcement also says that if the listener wants to help continue these telephone messages, he should send his contribution to the same address.

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The voice on the recording is that of a woman, not a young voice, nor does it sound like a professional announcer.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2279)

DATE: 10/21/65

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-406)

SUBJECT: LET FREEDOM RING  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
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Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

On 10/19/65, the Pittsburgh Office received telephonic complaints from [redacted] and [redacted], in which both advised that recently they dialed Pittsburgh telephone number, 333-9300, for the purpose of listening to a recorded message which is apparently sponsored by captioned group.

This recorded message is very critical of the United Nations and some of its officials. It brands the United Nations as a Russian beachhead in the United States, and an instrument for war and Communist conquest, designed by the traitor, ALGER HISS.

According to [redacted] and [redacted] this recorded message disturbed and angered them due to fact that captioned organization in the recorded message uses the name of Director J. EDGAR HOOVER by stating, "None other than J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the FBI, has called the United Nations a front for Communist spies."

This recorded message requests the listener to send \$1.00 to: ~~United Nations Trojan Horse, Box 8645, Pittsburgh 21 Pa., for the purpose of receiving documentation on the subversive nature of the United Nations.~~

Above information furnished for information of the Bureau.

No investigation contemplated, UACB.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: October 28, 1965

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: LET FREEDOM RING  
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Murphy

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## "Let Freedom Ring"

He reportedly writes the telephone messages for the "Let Freedom Ring" network answering stations. These stations are telephones with automatic answering devices that play the message when the telephone number is dialed.

John Birch Society; the Constitution Party of Florida. He claims to have thirty "Let Freedom Ring" stations throughout the United States. The weekly message he prepares for these stations are also mailed in printed form to other individuals on his mailing list.

The Department has advised that "Let Freedom Ring" messages they have reviewed do not constitute violations of any Federal law.

The Tampa Office by letter dated 10/18/65 noted that the current "Let Freedom Ring" message relates to United Nations Day, October 24, 1965. Said message, attempting to discredit the United Nations, notes "no other than John Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, has called the United Nations a front for communist spies."

The above statement is apparently a misuse by "Let Freedom Ring" of statements made by the Director in his testimony before a House Subcommittee on Appropriations on March 4, 1965, (pages 68 and 69), in which he warned of the improper use of United Nations personnel for espionage purposes.

## OBSERVATIONS:

Because of the nature of this organization, it is felt we should not contact "Let Freedom Ring" to set the record straight as these individuals would most likely attempt to further embroil the Director and the FBI in their continuing propaganda activities.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2279)

10/19/65

SAC, NEW YORK (100-153164)(RUC)

[REDACTED]  
LET FREEDOM RING  
SARASOTA, FLORIDA  
~~SM - C RACIAL MATTERS~~ (organization)  
(OO: TAMPA)

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ReNYlet to Director dated 8/20/65.

The following information has been developed concerning individuals in relet who are connected with "Let Freedom Ring" in the NYC area:

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On 8/13/65, SA [REDACTED] reviewed the files of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, NYCPD, and found no identifiable information connected with

[REDACTED]

A characterization of the National Renaissance Party is attached hereto.

A review of the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York revealed no additional information concerning [REDACTED]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] was a former source of the NYO.  
[redacted] is  
well known to the Bureau. [redacted]  
[redacted] NY file number on  
[redacted] is listed as [redacted] It is no longer active.

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NY file number [redacted] is a letter  
to the NYO from [redacted]

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[redacted] who informed him that a new magazine was  
out called "The Society for the prevention of World War III".

The indices of the NYO are fairly extensive con-  
cerning [redacted] and his relationship to [redacted]  
but the indices revealed no other information other than  
that which has already been mentioned.

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Criminal and credit checks regarding [redacted]  
reveal no further pertinent information other than that  
which has been mentioned above.

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The indices of the NYO were reviewed for informa-  
tion concerning [redacted] has was mentioned in

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relet. is a former SA of the FBI [redacted]

[redacted]  
"Counterattack"... "Counterattack" was an anti-Communist news-letter [redacted]  
[redacted]

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The indices of the NYO are also extensive regarding [redacted] but the information therein pertains to [redacted] and his affiliation with the publication "Counterattack". The Bureau is well acquainted with the publication "Counterattack" and with [redacted] himself.

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The indices of the NYO were reviewed for any information concerning [redacted] and it has been determined from this review that [redacted]

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[redacted] and in that capacity furnished information to the Bureau on various occasions pertaining to matters within the Bureau's jurisdiction.

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The indices revealed no pertinent information concerning [redacted] affiliation with any right wing organizations.

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AMERICAN OPINION BOOKSTORE, INC.

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[redacted]  
41 Church Street  
Freeport, New York

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On 7/13/65, [redacted] of the Credit Bureau of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, Rockville Centre, NY, advised that no record could be found for the above captioned organization or subject.

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On 7/19/65, [redacted] of the Freeport PD advised that no record of any complaint could be located against the

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above captioned individual or organization. [redacted] stated this bookstore is a small type store and is operated by two individuals. However, the name [redacted] was unknown to him.

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On 7/20/65, [redacted] made available the following information for a [redacted]

[redacted] The Nassau County Phone Directory had no reference to [redacted]. The registration record revealed that this [redacted] listed his date of birth as 10/8/98. In 1953, this individual resided at [redacted]. This individual is described as 5'7½" tall, medium build, black-grey hair, and married. This individual may or may not be identical with the captioned subject.

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Observation and pretext by SA [redacted] at 41 Church Street, Freeport, NY, failed to observe a male attendant in the American Opinion Bookstore on 7/21, 29, or 8/23/65. A young lady and an elderly lady were observed as sales personnel. On 8/23/65, a pretext phone call was placed to the American Opinion Bookstore by SA [redacted] telephone number TN 8-8555. The young lady who answered the phone advised that [redacted] had been out for some time since he had been ill. She stated he lived in the vicinity of Rockville Centre, NY, and he was about 68 years old. She also stated that the bookstore sells the John Birch Society magazine "American Opinion" and the new issue would be out in September. She stated the bookstore sells all types of books. The pretext used was [redacted]

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On 8/23/65, [redacted] of the Nassau County PD advised that no record was on file for [redacted]. [redacted] of the same PD advised that the records of his PD show the American Opinion Bookstore, 41 Church Street, Freeport, NY, as a bookstore that sells magazines of the John

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Birch Society and also sells other material. He further advised that on 3/26/65, at Town Hall, NYC, GUS HALL, General Secretary of the CP, USA, was scheduled to speak, and on that night Town Hall was picketed by a youth group who handed out literature denouncing the CP and GUS HALL. The literature handed out had the return address of the American Opinion Bookstore, Freeport, NY. [redacted] added that the name [redacted] was the name of one of the persons who worked at the bookstore about a year ago.

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On 8/23/65, the records of the Nassau County Clerk's Office were checked for Papers of Incorporation. The Papers of Incorporation for the American Opinion Bookstore of Freeport, Incorporated, file number 4443/64 were filed on 11/9/64. This corporation was formed to buy, sell, and generally deal in books, leaflets, magazines, and papers. Its purpose was to conduct a general stationery store. The person who signed the papers was listed as a [redacted] of [redacted]. The notary was listed as ALFRED J. SETTLE, Attorney, with an office at 15 North Broadway, Hicksville, NY.

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On 8/10/65, SA [redacted] reviewed the records of the Bureau of Special Services and the Bureau of Criminal Identification, NYCPD, for any information concerning [redacted] of the American Opinion Bookstore. No further pertinent information was discovered concerning these two names.

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NY file number [redacted] captioned, [redacted]

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[redacted] reveals that the above captioned individual was [redacted] of a publication called "Spotlight" which was sponsored by the Staten Island Patriotic Council Against Communism. NY file number [redacted] which has been mentioned above in connection with [redacted]

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[redacted] contains information [redacted]

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[redacted]  
that a new magazine was out titled "The Society for the prevention of World War III".

There is no further information concerning [redacted] in the NYO file.

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[redacted]  
The indices of the NYO reveal no information concerning [redacted]

THE STATEN ISLAND PATRIOTIC  
COUNCIL AGAINST COMMUNISM

All information concerning the above captioned organization is contained in information furnished under the names [redacted] and [redacted] The Staten Island Patriotic Council Against Communism appears to be a rightist organization.

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APPENDIX

1.

NATIONAL RENAISSANCE PARTY

On May 19, 1965, a source stated that the National Renaissance Party (NRP) is an anti-Semitic, anti-Christian, anti-Negro, and neo-Fascist organization with activities generally confined to the New York City area. It was founded in 1949 [redacted]

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[redacted] The Party's main function is distribution of the "National Renaissance Bulletin" on a bi-monthly basis and distribution of pro-Arab literature obtained from official Arab establishments in New York City.

The source further stated that the headquarters for the NRP is located in the residence of [redacted]  
[redacted]

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On March 4, 1965, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he is the [redacted]  
[redacted] of the NRP and as such is [redacted]  
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stated that the NRP is a fascist organization but that it operates openly. He stated that the NRP advocates the use of the ballot in order to win a national election and take over the government. If the NRP should gain power it would then proceed to change the constitution in a legal way in order to give it the right to use militant means in dealing with those who would seek to overthrow this democracy such as the Communist Party.

The Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives in a Preliminary Report dated December 17, 1954, stated that NRP activity and propaganda are clearly subversive and un-American.

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NATIONAL RENAISSANCE PARTY

Subsequent to July 16, 1964, all activities of the NRP appeared to have been suspended. As of September 29, 1964, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This source advised that the NRP would not be reactivated by [REDACTED] who feared that such reactivation might jeopardize [REDACTED]

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On May 18, 1965, [REDACTED] Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, advised that on May 15, 1965, he had been informed by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] further stated future activities of the NRP would depend on the outcome of [REDACTED] Should [REDACTED] stated there could be an expected increase in NRP activities. Should [REDACTED] there will not be any activity since [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated there will be no real NRP activity until [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1704)

DATE: 11/8/65

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (157-1334) (6)

SUBJECT: LET FREEDOM RING,  
RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGE,  
MIAMI TELEPHONE NUMBER 221-6767,  
MIAMI, FLORIDA  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Miami letter and letterhead memorandum, 9/22/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being furnished to Jacksonville and Tampa in view of their interest in this matter.

A review of the information being distributed through "Let Freedom Ring", Miami, Florida, indicates the information is coming from the National Headquarters of this group, Sarasota, Florida, through [redacted]

In order to avoid duplication, the Miami Office will no longer submit letterhead memoranda concerning this matter; however, any information coming to the attention of the Miami Office relating to this organization within the Miami Division will be furnished to the Bureau and interested offices.

Any pertinent information coming to the attention of the Tampa Division regarding the activities of this organization as it relates to the Miami Division should be furnished to the Miami Office.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

November 8, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chief  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service, Miami



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Miami, Florida  
November 8, 1965

RE: LET FREEDOM RING,  
RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGE,  
MIAMI TELEPHONE NUMBER 221-6767,  
MIAMI, FLORIDA

Reference is made to communication dated  
September 22, 1965, captioned as above.

The following are verbatim transcriptions of  
recordings published by "Let Freedom Ring", which can  
be obtained by dialing telephone number 221-6767 in  
Miami, Florida.

September 27, 1965

"This is LET FREEDOM RING.

"The left winger who controls most of  
the American education, something, a patriotic  
group who believe in excellence in education.  
To prevent this imagine take-over, [redacted]  
[redacted] of the PTA  
suggests that the PTA look for guidance in  
the National Council something responsibility.  
This council consists of approximately 120  
members and a one-third of which are now or  
have been supporters of 78 different  
Communist groups. Ten per cent of the  
council members have connections with at least  
five Communist front groups. Most parents  
are unaware of something structure of the PTA,  
something think of it as a local organization  
dedicated to improve communication between  
parents and teachers as to the pursuit of better  
education for their children. This is a popular  
miss. Actually the National PTA is a political  
something. The left wingers who work closely

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with the bureaucrats in the U. S. office in education. Most parents do not realize that they are participating in the federalization of the wrong school. Instead the PTA units are affiliated with the state and national organization. Parents would be amazed to learn that many PTA charges even through business to question schools administratively affairs something. When the something supports approve of it or not, whether you know it or not and whether you like it or not. You are one of the twelve million parents something who are noted as something with the social escape of the National Congress Parents and Teachers, which work in conclusion with the Federal Government.

"For more information on the National PTA, send a \$25C donation to:

"LET FREEDOM RING  
Box 231  
Coral Gables, Florida.

"Thank you for calling LET FREEDOM RING.

"Call Monday for a new message."

October 4, 1965

"This is Let Freedom Ring.

"From the magazine 'The Spirit' we quote, 'Dissension within PTA units due to high-handed management from the top wreck convention. Socialist orientation, and the hypocrisy of hiding PTA's political motives under the caption of child welfare, has resulted in a continuing.



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exit of local units.' What has caused this brawl within the PTA? One factor has been the realization by many parents that UNESCO, which is avidly promoted by the PTA is a pro-communist propaganda mill designed to brainwash American children into an allegiance to the United Nations rather than the United States. Another eye opener was the realization by parents that the PTA is promoting the use of communist sympathizing textbooks such as the 'Building America' series. The National PTA lobbies for Federal control of education and even promotes the formation of a Federal School Board to dominate locally elected school boards. If the PTA and the National Education Association have their way, local school boards will eventually be done away with entirely or will become rubber stamps for the education czars in Washington. What value, if any, is the National PTA to the local units? The answer is none. For the National and State organizations are not interested in Parent-Teacher relationships or the welfare of the child. They are preoccupied with spending your money to promote the United Nations, left-wing textbooks and Federal meddling in school affairs. You can help break the stranglehold that National and State PTAs now have over your local unit. This can be done by having your PTA vote itself out of the National and State organizations. Perhaps then parents and teachers can get down to the business of helping JOHNNY get a better education and leave politics to more appropriate groups.

"For more information on the PTA, send 25 cents in coin to:

"Let Freedom Ring  
Box 231  
Coral Gables, Florida

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"Thank you for calling Let Freedom Ring,  
call Monday for a new message."

October 11, 1965

"This is Let Freedom Ring.

"According to an anonymous report in the  
'Miami Herald,' Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER has  
been named to the policy-making Scientific  
Council of the University of Miami Center  
for Theoretical studies. The article states  
that Dr. OPPENHEIMER directed the production  
of the first A Bomb, and in 1963 received  
an award from President JOHNSON; however, it  
did not mention that in 1954 the Federal  
Security Board conducted an investigation  
of OPPENHEIMER, and ruled that he was to be  
judged a security risk and should be denied  
access to security material.

"According to the 'Chicago Tribune,'  
among the findings that led to this pronounce-  
ment, particular emphasis was given to Dr.  
OPPENHEIMER's penchant for forming communist  
associations. His former mistress was a communist.

Speaking  
of his friends, the Atomic Energy Commission  
noted that his associations with persons known  
to him to be communist have extended far beyond  
the limits of prudence and self restraint. These  
associations have lasted too long to be justified  
as merely the intermittent and accidental revival  
of earlier friendships. It was also established  
that Dr. OPPENHEIMER had regularly contributed  
financial assistance to communist causes.

"The U of M's Dr. OPPENHEIMER conceded that  
he had lied to the security officers. Asked

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why he had done so, he replied, 'Because I was an idiot.' The AEC ruling held that the evidence demonstrated 'basic defects in character.' The 'Herald's' version of OPPENHEIMER is typical of the reporting Miamians have been getting for years. Presently the 'Miami Herald' in its strive to control the county through Metro is conducting a witch hunt in the Sheriff's Office. Readers of the 'Herald' have cause to wonder if the stories concerning the Sheriff's Department are as distorted as this one about the University of Miami's OPPENHEIMER. For a copy of the book, 'None Dare Call It Treason,' send 50 cents in coin to, U of M Students 25 cents, to:

"Let Freedom Ring  
Box 231  
Coral Gables, Florida"

October 18, 1965

"This is Let Freedom Ring.

"October 24th is United Nations Day, many schools, churches and other institutions will celebrate this day in the continuing campaign to brain-wash the American people into believing that the U.N. is a blessing to mankind. But Americans are slowly awakening to see the U. N. for what it really is, a Russian beachhead, right on American soil. J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director, of the FBI, has called the United Nations a front for communist spies, and [redacted] noted British publisher has said 'here in New York City you Americans have the biggest fifth column in the world, the United Nations.' The United Nations is not an instrument for peace, but an instrument for war and

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communist conquest. The United Nations, which is tightly controlled by communists and their sympathizers, such as [redacted] of New France (phonetic), has prevented the U. S. from taking any effective action against communist invasion in Hungary, Katanga, and Cuba. No wonder that Americans in rising numbers are saying 'get us out.' Lets urge our schools, newspapers and local organizations to celebrate United States Day October 23, 1965. The traditional expression of mourning is the flying of the American flag at half mast, we suggest that you fly your flag at half mast on October 24, United Nations Day, in protest against American membership in an organization that was designed by the traitor ALGER HISS for the specific purpose of bringing Americans under the rule of a communist world order.

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"For detailed information send \$2.00 for the United Nations packet to Let Freedom Ring Box 231, Coral Gables.

"Let Freedom Ring is a non-profit educational organization incorporated in 1963 under the laws of the State of Florida [redacted]

[redacted] For documentation on any message, [redacted] invites you to write to him at Box 1775, Sarasota, Florida."

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October 25, 1965

"This is Let Freedom Ring.

"Halloween is coming and the goblins are out in full force. One of the worst goblins of all is UNICEF, United Nations Children's Fund. This U. N. organization gets gullible American parents to have their children go panhandling

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on Halloween for the World Welfare State instead of the traditional American trick or treat. Here are some cold facts about UNICEF.

"Ten million dollars worth of UNICEF money was used by the U. N. in 1961 to subjugate through force of arms the anti-communist government of Katanga. Communist Yugoslavia, communist Poland, and Red China have received huge amounts from UNICEF. In 1960 FIDEL CASTRO received \$132,000 from innocent American children through UNICEF, and \$670,000 was earmarked for communist Algeria. At least 120 individuals who have been connected with UNICEF have had communist affiliations. Protest, Mr. and Mrs. Miami, if your church or service group supports this fraudulent use of America's children exploiting traditional Christian holidays such as All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Between Halloween and Christmas U.N. promoters will be selling Christmas Cards for UNICEF, a travesty on the birthday of the Prince of Peace. Remember, UNICEF money, like scrap to Japan for World War II, may come back to your children from the Iron Curtain in the form of bullets.

"For documentation on the subversive nature of UNICEF, send 10 cents in coin to:

"Let Freedom Ring  
Box 231  
Coral Gables, Florida

"Let Freedom Ring continues to grow. New stations reporting include the following:



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"Pensacola, Florida

"Macon, Georgia

"Frederick, Maryland

"Phoenix, Arizona

"The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

"Seattle, Washington

"Des Moines, Iowa

"Tallahassee, Florida

"Atlanta, Georgia

"Danville, Illinois

"Charlotte, North Carolina

"Muncie, Indiana

"Gainesville, Florida

"Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

"Raleigh, North Carolina"

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE:

10/15/65

FROM :

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SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 26048-26049. Congressman Rosenthal, (D) New York, spoke concerning the recorded telephone program operated by an organization known as "Let Freedom Ring." He pointed out that the nature and focus of this program has recently been documented in an enlightening article by [redacted] for the bulletin of the Antidefamation League of B'nai B'rith. He placed the article in the Record. [redacted] advised that these telephone recordings abuse many respected organizations and individuals. He stated "The use of this slanderous device is growing rapidly. There are presently reports of telephone recordings of this nature in six States. [redacted] stated in his article 'The usually conservative California Federation of Republican Women, in a resolution asking the FBI to look into the origin, sponsorship, and objectives of this vicious activity, called Let Freedom Ring's messages 'false and treacherous propaganda.'"

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 10/14/65 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

November 4, 1965

F. J. Baumgardner

S. 2693 and H. R. 11605

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On October 14, 1965, and October 21, 1965, respectively, Representative Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D - NY) and Senator Gale W. McGee (D - Wyoming) introduced H. R. 11605 and S. 2693, identical bills, which would amend the Communications Act of 1934 to make unlawful the transmission over a telephone system of any recorded message which does not identify the subscriber through whose telephone such a message is transmitted.

These bills further provide that each telephone company must maintain a file, open to the public, listing the subscribers of telephones which the company knows are being used for the transmission of recorded messages, together with transcripts of such recorded messages.

Violations would be punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than one year.

OBSERVATIONS:

This proposed legislation has obviously been prompted by the increasing use of recorded messages of all types which are transmitted to the public by dialing a specified telephone number. One of the most controversial messages currently available in approximately 50 cities in the United States by dialing a specified telephone number is put out weekly by the organization known as "Let Freedom Ring."

Recorded messages transmitted by this organization have been extremely critical of the Government's foreign policy, individual Government leaders, the Peace Corps, the Parent-Teachers' Association and the United Nations. A recent message incorrectly quoted a statement by the Director and it was necessary to have  personally contacted and straightened out. (This incident was the

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F. J. Baumgardner to W. C. Sullivan  
Re: S. 2693 and H. R. 11605

subject of a memorandum dated October 28, 1965, from Mr. Baumgardner to Mr. Sullivan entitled "Let Freedom Ring.") The subscriber to the telephone number dialed is not identified, but each message ends with a statement that if more information is desired, a self-addressed, stamped envelope should be sent to a certain post office box.

While we are not actively investigating "Let Freedom Ring," we do furnish the Department and other interested agencies information coming to our attention regarding the recorded messages put out by this organization. The Department has advised that the messages do not constitute violations of any existing Federal law and it may well be that the Department's opinion has been furnished to certain members of Congress leading to the introduction of the captioned bills.

In the event legislation of this nature is enacted, the Federal Communications Commission will be empowered to make the necessary rules and regulations to enforce it and the Bureau would not be involved, other than to continue the proper dissemination of information coming to our attention.

ACTION:

None. For information.

FBI TAMPA

5:43 PM EST VED URGENT 11-1-65

TO DIRECTOR (157-2279)

FROM TAMPA (157-1419) 2-P

RACIAL MATTER  
MESSAGES, RM.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELEPHONE

RE-BU-TEL CALL THIS DATE AND TAMPA LETTER TO BUREAU

LET FREEDOM RING, RECORDED TELEPHONE

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OCTOBER EIGHTEEN INSTANT, CONCERNING QUOTATIONS OF THE  
DIRECTOR THAT THE UNITED NATIONS IS A FRONT FOR COMMUNIST  
SPIES.

[ ] CONTACTED THIS DATE CONCERNING THIS MESSAGE  
AND HE WAS ADVISED HE WAS IN ERROR AND EMPHATICALLY REQUESTED  
TO CEASE USING THE DIRECTOR'S NAME OR QUOTATIONS.

[ ] WAS APOLOGETIC CONCERNING INSTANT QUOTATION OF  
THE DIRECTOR AND STATED HE DID NOT INTEND IT TO BE A DIRECT QUOTE,  
BUT RECALLED THAT MR. HOOVER DID SAY SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THIS  
BEFORE A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE  
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

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[ ] INDICATED HE WAS VERY SORRY THAT THIS OCCURRED  
SINCE HE HAS NOTHING BUT THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR THE DIRECTOR

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AND THE FBI AND THAT HE FEELS MR. HOOVER IS ONE PERSON

WHO IS "ON OUR SIDE, THE AMERICAN SIDE." HE WENT ON

TO STATE THAT HE FEELS HE HAS A RIGHT TO PRINT MATERIAL SET FORTH

IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OR OTHER PUBLIC SOURCES BUT

WILL ATTRIBUTE NOTHING TO THE DIRECTOR IN FUTURE BUT

ACCURATE DIRECT QUOTATIONS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Cleveland (100-  
SUBJECT: LET FREEDOM RING  
SM - C

DATE: November 9, 1965

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of letterhead memorandum captioned as above. One copy of letterhead memorandum enclosed for Cincinnati and Tampa Offices.

Investigation at Canton, Ohio, was conducted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] Mails Office, Canton, provided information regarding post office box holders at Canton.

[redacted] made available information regarding telephone subscriber at Canton.

## LEADS

### CINCINNATI

At Westerville, Ohio

Will identify [redacted]

### TAMPA

At Sarasota, Florida

Will identify [redacted] P.O. Box 1775, Sarasota, Florida.

ENCLOSURE

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2 - Cincinnati (Enc. 1) (RM)  
2 - Tampa (Enc. 1) (RM)  
2 - Cleveland

HEW/hs AGENCY: ACCT. DIV., OSI, SEC. SER.

DATE FORW: 12/2/65

HOW FORW: BY: B. M. C.

BY: [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

November 9, 1965

LET FREEDOM RING

INFORMANT

[redacted] on November 2, 1965, made available  
the following text of a recording which is repeated when  
telephone number 492-4255 is called:

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"Let Freedom Ring

"With the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to Martin Luther King, Jr., it should be obvious to everyone that the Nobel Prize is nothing more than an instrument for furthering the cause of Communist world revolution. The Communists have directed their followers to look to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for leadership in the racial revolution and he has undoubtedly inspired more hatred between the races than any other ten men.

"The enormity of this insult to the American Negro is revealed in King's background, of which most Americans know very little. He has dozens of Communist front affiliations and he has been photographed in attendance at a Communist training school.

"King has many close associates with notorious Communist records, and one of them, [redacted] (phonetic), is a sex pervert, draft dodger, jail bird, and a former member of the Young Communist League.

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Re: LET FREEDOM RING

"Are we using guilt by association? Yes, we certainly are. Did you ever see a pelican cohabit with a woodpecker? Neither did we, and until we sight our first pelipecker, we will maintain that Martin Luther King, Jr., is a fake humanitarian who is leading the Negro people into an abyss of Communism.

"From the Manchester, New Hampshire, 'Union Leader,' we quote: 'Are the American people so bemused by civil rights propaganda that they no longer are willing to speak out against such affronts to common decency? Or have they been sufficiently cowed by the charge of bigotry that they feel they dare not speak out against manifestations of Negro racism.'

"For the ugly truth about Martin Luther King, Jr., send \$1 to 'The Fake Humanitarian,' Box 1241, Station C, Canton, Ohio.

"Let Freedom Ring"

In addition, [ ] stated that the previous week the following transcription was repeated from the same telephone number:

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"Let Freedom Ring

"Halloween is coming and the goblins are out in force. One of the worst goblins of all is UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund. This UN organization gets gullible American parents to have their children go panhandling on Halloween for the world welfare state instead of traditional American trick or treat.

"Here are some cold facts about UNICEF, United Nations Children's Fund. Ten million dollars of UNICEF money was used by the UN in

Re: LET FREEDOM RING

1961 to subjugate through force or arms the anti-Communist government of Katanga.

"Communist Yugoslavia, Communist Poland and Red China have received huge amounts from UNICEF. In 1960, Cuba received \$132,000 from innocent American children through UNICEF, and \$670,000 was earmarked for Communist Algeria.

"At least 120 individuals who have been connected with UNICEF have had Communist affiliation. Lawrence Timbers of the American Legion Anti-Subversive Committee says, 'One of the best examples of subversion is that of the churches of this country being injected into the UNICEF program. Some ministers and others take issue with this statement for the reason that they and their churches have been active in UNICEF Halloween Drives and they do not want to believe the truth.

"Protest, Mr. and Mrs. Stark County, if your church or service group is supporting this fraudulent use of America's children to pervert a traditional American holiday. Between Halloween and Christmas, UN promoters will be selling Christmas cards for UNICEF.

"Remember, Mr. and Mrs. Stark County, UNICEF money, like scrap to Japan before World War II, may come back to your children from the Iron Curtain in the form of bullets.

"For documentation on the subversive nature of UNICEF, send 25 cents in coin to: The Unicef Fraud, Box 1241, Station C, Canton, Ohio.

"Let Freedom Ring

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Re: LET FREEDOM RING

[redacted]  
the person who had purchased the telephone line from Ohio Bell for use of the recording.

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[redacted]  
"You're entirely wrong. I am familiar with it. I have heard it. I know nothing more about it. I passed out about a dozen cards with the phone number on them. I think it is a worthy cause or I wouldn't have passed out the cards. But I know nothing more about it than that."

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"I called the party who gave me the cards but they don't want to have their names revealed  
[redacted]  
[redacted] They said the movement is sponsored by a [redacted] of P. O. Box 1775, Sarasota, Florida."

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"It must be sponsored locally by the same organization, 'Let Freedom Ring,' but I don't know who they are."

"I'm interested in these things. I'm not one of these guys who looks for Communists under the bed, but I think our country is going lousy."

"I would like to know, if possible, who told you I was connected with this."

The telephone number of the recordings is 492-4255.

Re: LET FREEDOM RING

[redacted] telephone number was [redacted] but that one now is disconnected. The operator on November 1, 1965, told [redacted] [redacted] now has an unlisted number.

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A source advised on November 3, 1965, [redacted] subscribed to Box 1241, Station C, Canton, Ohio, on October 15, 1965. [redacted] has left for Florida and will not return to Canton until April, 1966; however, someone apparently is picking up the mail from the box as no mail is being forwarded.

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A source advised on November 3, 1965, [redacted] was the original responsible billing party for 492-4255, but due to threatening calls received as a result of the recordings on UNICEF he requested to be removed from the billing. The service as of October 27, 1965, is being paid by [redacted].

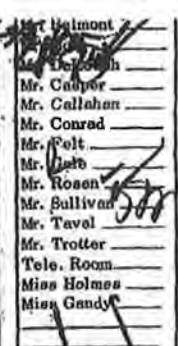
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[redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] were all in on the original negotiations for the telephone service. All of these are known to source as members of the Massillon American Education Association and the Canton American Education Associations, chapters of the John Birch Society. Source stated that chapters of the Birch Society, where financially able, are availing themselves of the telephone recording service, and at many locations throughout the East such recordings are being utilized.

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## INCORPORATED

P. O. BOX 1 [redacted] SARASOTA, FLORIDA

November 8, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I received a visit from [redacted] of your Sarasota office on Monday, November 1965. [redacted] was, as usual, courteous and friendly.

I deeply regret any embarrassment or inconvenience that our Let Freedom Ring! broadcast of October 12, 1965 may have caused you. We did not quote you as saying the United Nations was a nest of communist spies but paraphrased your remarks before the S.I.S.S. Committee in May 1960 in which you said, "But, they are, in fact, carefully selected envoys of the International Communist Conspiracy trained in trickery and deceit and dedicated to the concept of fully exploiting the freedoms of the countries they seek to destroy. It is too much to expect that they would not subvert the United Nations."

As our telephone broadcasts are only two minutes in length, long direct quotes are often difficult to use and paraphrasing is necessary. We do not feel that our paraphrasing distorted the remark by you before the S.I.S.S. Committee. Our exact words were, "None other than J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, has called the United Nations a front for communist spies..."

As you know, Let Freedom Ring! has consistently supported the FBI in every way. We now have 60 outlets across the land and an estimated 50,000 callers a day. Our stations are run by some of the finest patriots in our land, as you can ascertain with a check by your people.

I gathered from [redacted] remarks that you want us to refrain from using your name in any future Let Freedom Ring! broadcasts. If you feel that the use of your name, even in direct quotes, by our organization will be detrimental to the FBI, then we will certainly comply with your wishes.

Rest assured that we pray for your continued good health and able direction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Yours respectfully,

## LET FREEDOM RING!

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 11/2/65

FROM : J. J. Casper

SUBJECT: RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGES  
S. 2713 AND S. 2693

By two separate form memoranda of 11/1/65, to the Director, the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Legislative and Legal Section, requested Bureau views in triplicate and within 30 days on captioned bills.

Bill S. 2713, introduced by Senator Javits (R. - N.Y.), would amend the Federal Communications Act of 1934 to require that any carrier of messages by wire telephone communications which makes available to its customers the equipment to be used for conveying recorded messages by wire or telephone shall maintain a current list of all persons, and their addresses, to whom such equipment has been made available. This list shall be public information, open to public inspection. Further, that any person transmitting such a recorded message by wire or telephone shall disclose therein his identity and address and, if he speaks for someone else, the identity and address of the other person. If the transmitter of the recorded message is an organization the message shall state the identity of the organization and name at least one responsible officer of it. Any person knowingly violating the requirement that the transmitter of the recorded message shall give name and address, etc., as described immediately above, shall, for each violation, be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

The companion bill S. 2693, introduced by Senator McGee (D. - Wyo.), would amend the Federal Communications Act of 1934 by providing that it is unlawful for any telephone company to in any way provide for or permit the transmission of a recorded message over its facilities if the message does not state the name and address of the person responsible for the message. Each telephone company shall maintain a file of the names and addresses of persons transmitting recorded messages and shall keep this file open to the public. No criminal penalty is stated in this bill.

Enclosure sent 11-8-65

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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Re: Recorded Telephone Messages; S. 2713 and S. 2693

Neither bill would be detrimental to the activities of this Bureau nor would it appear to affect our jurisdiction\*. The Javits bill, S. 2713, provides that the Federal Communications Commission shall lay down regulations concerning what the bill would require.

A suggested letter to the Department is attached.

That the attached letter be sent to Mr. Herbert E. Hoffman, Chief, Legislative and Legal Section, Office of the Deputy Attorney General.

Legislative and Legal Section, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, and so advised the Department, that jurisdiction would be with the Federal Communications Commission.

# Memorandum

DATE: 11/9/65

SUBJECT: **RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGES:**

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS ACT:

H. R. 11605

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The present bill would make it unlawful for any telephone company to allow its wires to be used for recorded messages which do not identify the telephone subscriber from which or from whom the message came. The telephone company would be required to maintain a public file identifying the transmitters of recorded messages and containing also a copy of the transcript of each recorded message. Violation would be punished by fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. The Federal Communications Commission would be empowered to make necessary rules and regulations. They also would presumably have jurisdiction over any violations, although the bill does not specifically so state.

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1 - Mr. C. J. Chan  
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Memo Casper to Mohr  
Re: Recorded Telephone Messages;  
Federal Communications Act;  
H. R. 11605

The Director's letter of November 5, 1965, to the Department on the other bills like this one, said the Bureau has no objection to those bills and that subject to any opinion that the Department may have to the contrary, we shall assume that jurisdiction would be in the Federal Communications Commission.

It is suggested that the Director's reply on this bill simply refer to his letter concerning the other bills. A suggested letter is attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to Mr. Herbert E. Hoffman, Chief, Legislative and Legal Section, Office of the Deputy Attorney General.

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Date: 11/30/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2279)

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-405)

LET FREEDOM RING  
SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum bearing above caption. Two copies of this memorandum are being submitted to the Tampa Office. Local dissemination has been made to intelligence agencies.

Confidential Informant [ ] is [ ]

[ ] who specifically requested that his identity not be disclosed under any circumstances.

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AGENCY: ACSE, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Knoxville, Tennessee

November 30, 1965

"LET FREEDOM RING"  
SARASOTA, FLORIDA

On November 10, 1965, [redacted] Rodgers and Company, Knoxville, Tennessee, advised that when Knoxville telephone number 546-4473 is dialed a recorded announcement is played for the caller. He stated that the message, in his opinion, is critical of the United States policy in Viet Nam, and [redacted] stated that he did not feel that propaganda should be distributed in this manner. He advised that he wished to apprise the FBI of this recording.

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The recorded message referred to by [redacted] is as follows:

Let Freedom Ring! President Johnson says this is war. What he neglected to say about Viet Nam was that the American Government is cooperating with world communism to put just enough men in the care of another war not to win, but enough to eventually break us wide and bankrupt the nation. American coffins are stacked higher every day in Viet Nam but Asiatic, Filipinos, the Japanese, and the Nationalist Chinese are not being used to fight the Asian war with Communism. [redacted] long a mouthpiece for the Administration, says that victory is impossible in Viet Nam and our State Department has admitted that victory over Communism is not our goal, so Americans are beginning to say what are we dying for in Viet Nam if we don't intend to win. The answer is that the Vietnamese war is a crucial and carefully managed stage play designed to hypnotize the American people into believing that their Government is fighting Communism. From Senator [redacted] (unintelligible) of Portland report to the people

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SARASOTA, FLORIDA

we quote, "The one major world power that has the most to gain from the United States' ground war in Asia is not the United States, not Red China, but the Soviet Union." To win the war in Viet Nam it would be necessary to bring to bear our real power advantage, air and sea power. In a final analysis there is no realistic middle ground. We must either apply our power to win the world or get out either now by surrendering or later through negotiations. We cannot escape the immutable truth of General McArthur's warning, "There is no substitute for victory". For a clear understanding of the Vietnamese tragedy and to learn what we can expect here in America, send one dollar for the 285 page book "Background of Betrayal". Send your dollar to Betrayal, Post Office Box 1775, Sarasota, Florida. Let Freedom Ring!

On November 16, 1965, it was ascertained that the recorded message had been changed and on this date the message was as follows:

Let Freedom Ring! Revolution has taken place in the United States because two opposing ideologies, Communist slavery and American Freedom, are meeting head-on. Caught in the middle of this revolution and taking most of the lumps are the men of your local police department. In 1964, 18,000 policemen were fallen in the line of duty. Fifty-seven of these were murdered. These are not ordinary citizens. Candidates for police training are carefully selected and their background must be above reproach. Many applicants are turned down even though police departments are usually understaffed because your police department knows that a deferior in the caliber of the force would lead to corruption and lawlessness. A top Communist objective is the demoralization of America's last line of defense, your local police. The enemy has made considerable headway in this vicious campaign through false reports of police

"LET FREEDOM RING"  
SARASOTA, FLORIDA

brutality and through the paralyzing effects of liberal domination of police review boards. [redacted] of the Los Angeles Police says, "The police are now being relegated to the same level as criminals. The police always find themselves on the defensive in an attempt to justify what they do. This downgrading of the police cannot continue if America as we have known it is to survive." The John Birch Society had an honorary drive to help the local police get the support they deserve in the gigantic battle against the rising tide of criminality and Communist inspired radical revolution. For ten cents in coin we will send you an article that reveals the Communist designs behind the drive to destroy your local police. Send your dime to Support Your Local Police, Post Office Box 1775, Sarasota, Florida. Let Freedom Ring!

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that telephone number 546-4473 was obtained by a [redacted] who, according to source, is with Honeywell Instrument Company, Knoxville, Tennessee, and the apparatus for playing back the recorded message is located in the office of [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] the organization "Let Freedom Ring", of Sarasota, Florida, [redacted] would be responsible for any bills incurred. *TENN*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Knoxville, Tennessee  
November 30, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Title "LET FREEDOM RING"  
SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Character

Reference Letterhead memorandum, captioned  
as above, Knoxville, Tennessee,  
November 30, 1965.

All sources (except any listed below) whose  
identities are concealed in referenced communication have  
furnished reliable information in the past.

[redacted] who has not been contacted sufficiently  
to determine reliability

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memo. ....um

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/14/65

SAC, CHARLOTTE

SUBJECT:

"LET FREEDOM RING," SPONSORED  
BY THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
RM

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Enclosed are 8 copies of LHM in captioned matter.

This LHM is being disseminated locally to Secret  
Service and military intelligence agencies.

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[redacted] in enclosed LHM is [redacted] who furnished  
this information to SA [redacted]

Telephone number 536-0316 was dialed on 11/30/65 and  
12/7/65 by SA [redacted] and the message was taken down by  
Stenographer [redacted]

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No further action being taken by Charlotte, UACB.

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER.  
FBI, ISD, CRD, [redacted]

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Charlotte, North Carolina  
December 14, 1965

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"LET FREEDOM RING," SPONSORED  
BY THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On November 30, 1965, [redacted] advised that there presently is a telephone in Charlotte, North Carolina, Number 536-0316, which has a recorded message from "Let Freedom Ring" sponsored by the John Birch Society. He said that this message is recorded in the voice and by [redacted] of [redacted]. This is sponsored by the John Birch Society. [redacted] further said that [redacted] N.C.

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The 1965 Charlotte City Directory shows [redacted] as living at [redacted] and his occupation as [redacted]. The November, 1965, Charlotte Telephone Directory shows [redacted] at [redacted] telephone [redacted] and does not list a telephone for [redacted]. It is noted that the City Directory lists this same telephone number for [redacted].

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On November 30, 1965, the telephone number 536-0316 was dialed and the following message was recorded on the dictaphone:

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ENCLOSURE

RE: "LET FREEDOM RING," SPONSORED  
BY THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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"Let Freedom ring

"The John Birch Society of Charlotte takes  
pride and pleasure in presenting [redacted]

[redacted] for the John Birch Society and former [redacted] at the  
Heart of Charlotte Motor Inn, Wednesday, December  
first, time eight p.m., admission a dollar fifty.  
[redacted] subject will be civil rights,  
communist betrayal of the good cause. Come and  
get the truth about civil rights and communist  
intentions. There are, of course, hundreds of  
good Negro Americans who not only understand what  
is happening but are willing to stick out courageously  
against it. Here, for instance, is an excellent  
statement by a Negro minister, New Albany, Mississippi:

"It is the communists alone who have created  
the vicious campaign of hate which is weakening and  
dividing the American people. Without hate a com-  
munist is like a soldier without a gun. Don't fall  
for this fate, the Negro is being used by the  
communists to do their dirty work."

"For further knowledge concerning communism  
and civil rights, send ten cents in coin to Box  
12421, Charlotte, N. C., 28205, for your copy of  
two revolution memoirs or purchase at the American  
Opinion Library to be opened soon at 1208 East 36th  
Street here in Charlotte. As a reminder, the  
[redacted] will speak on the subject  
civil rights, communist betrayal of a good cause,  
Wednesday, December first, 8:00 p.m., Heart of Charlotte  
Motor Inn, 3815 North Tryon Street. Tickets will be  
on sale at the door.

"Let Freedom Ring, [redacted]

RE: "LET FREEDOM RING," SPONSORED  
BY THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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On December 7, 1965, Charlotte telephone number 536-0316 was telephoned and a recorded voice of a woman, talking fast, gave the following message:

"Let Freedom Ring

"Our President, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, who was willing to bind himself to a treacherous crew of traitors, demigods and publicans in order to win an election, is now cunning enough to realize that the tide is turning the other way. But he dares not follow or he will impeach himself from office and his place in history. He has already begun to bend a little to the right and for this he is being cursed by the left wing radical leaders who campaigned so vigorously for his election. Those same people who cried for the blood of BARRY GOLDWATER are now crying for the blood of LYNDON JOHNSON.

"Before we go forward with what seems to be an optimistic view of our nation's future for conservative minded people, let us take a look backward into the darkness of a most disturbing subject, the National Council of Churches. This has turned into an international political organization headed up by a group of liberals posing as authorities of religion. Under the United Nations One World Plan, they are attempting to tear apart each Christian denomination's doctrine because of the fact they are aware that they cannot bring all religions under one roof with one half believing Christ to be the Messiah and the other half condemning him.

"Among the endorsements of the National Council of Churches are that we pull out of South Vietnam, civil disobedience, that we read the writings of [redacted] a noted Negro communist, and an international police force.

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RE: "LET FREEDOM RING," SPONSORED BY  
THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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[redacted] of the National  
Council of Churches, [redacted]  
[redacted] delivered a speech before the  
Southern California ministers in February of 1953.  
His subject was 'The Church and World Government.'  
He said in a press release, 'The surest way to  
achieve some form of world government is through  
the United Nations, a super world with constitutional  
authority and with sufficient police force to impose  
its judgments on sovereign nations states.'

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"It is entirely impossible for Christians to  
understand why an international police force is  
needed if the one world plans are so perfect. Stand  
up for more old-time religion in your church. Speak  
up for what you think is good in the eyes of your  
Redeemer.

"For more information send thirty cents in coin  
to American Opinion Library, 1208 East 36th Street,  
Charlotte, N. C., for your booklet, 'The National  
Council of Churches, A Menace to Church and State.'

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"Let Freedom Ring, [redacted]

The December 2, 1965, issue of the "Charlotte News," a  
Charlotte, North Carolina, daily newspaper, carried an article  
entitled, "Birchers Claim Charlotte Growth." This article  
reflected that the John Birch Society in the Charlotte area  
has grown from one chapter in early 1965 to 40 chapters now.  
Much of the growth is credited to section organizers, one of  
whom is [redacted] of Charlotte, who is sponsor of the  
"Let Freedom Ring" recorded telephone message service in  
Charlotte.

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This article quoted [redacted] as saying that the  
response has been great to the "Let Freedom Ring" service  
which he initiated the previous week. He said the machine,  
which can give a recorded message to two callers at the same  
time, runs almost continuously.

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Mr. Herbert E. Hoffman  
Chief, Legislative and Legal Section  
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Director, FBI

November 10, 1965

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RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGES;  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS ACT;  
H. R. 11605

*Bw*  
Your memorandum of November 3, 1965, requested  
our views on H. R. 11605, a bill to amend the Federal Communications  
Act of 1934.

We find this bill to be quite similar to S. 2713 and S. 2693  
on which we expressed our views in my letter to you of November 5, 1965.  
Our views on the present bill are the same as those stated in that letter.

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
  - 1 - Mr. DeLoach
  - 1 - Mr. Gale
  - 1 - Mr. Rosen
  - 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- sent sep.*

DJD:pal  
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NOTE: Based on memo Casper to Mohr, dated 11/9/65, re: Recorded  
Telephone Messages; Federal Communications Act; H. R. 11605,  
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OFFICE OF  
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DATE November 3,

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The BUREAU OF THE BUDGET JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HOUSE INTERSTATE & FOREIGN COMMERCE COMMITTEE COMMITTEE

has requested the views of the Attorney General as to the merits of HR 11605

xxx It is requested that within 30 days you examine the attached and submit to this office in triplicate, a memorandum summarizing its effect on existing law and expressing your views on its merits.

Special circumstances require that this be handled as a priority matter and that your views be received within two weeks.

This is a matter of extreme urgency and your views are requested by

Please return attachments.

Refer to: FBI, CRIM, OLC

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89TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 11605

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 14, 1965

Mr. ROSENTHAL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

## A BILL

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to make unlawful the transmission over a telephone system of any recorded message which does not identify the subscriber through whose telephone such message was transmitted, and for other purposes.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That title II of the Communications Act of 1934 is amended
- 4 by redesignating section 222 as section 223 and by inserting
- 5 immediately after section 221 (47 U.S.C. 221) the following
- 6 new section:

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ENCLOSURE

1 "TRANSMISSION OF RECORDED MESSAGES BY TELEPHONE

2 "SEC. 222. (a) It shall be unlawful for any telephone  
3 company to provide for, or to permit, the transmission of any  
4 recorded message by means of a telephone connected with  
5 any telephone system operated by such telephone company if  
6 such message does not identify the subscriber of such  
7 telephone.

8 "(b) Each telephone company shall maintain a file for  
9 the identification of each subscriber of a telephone which is  
10 connected into any telephone system which it operates, and  
11 which the company knows is used for the transmission of a  
12 recorded message. Such file shall be open to the public.  
13 Each telephone company shall also maintain a transcription  
14 of each recorded message which it permits to be transmitted  
15 through a telephone connected into any telephone system  
16 which it operates. Each such transcription shall be available  
17 to the public.

18 "(c) Each violation of the provisions of this section, and  
19 each failure to meet the requirements imposed by this section,  
20 shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by  
21 imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or both.

22 "(d) The Commission may make such rules and reg-  
23 ulations as it deems to be necessary to carry out the provi-  
24 sions of this section."

- 1 SEC. 2. The amendment made by this Act shall take  
 2 effect on the sixtieth day following the date of its enactment.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1704)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1334) (C)

0 LET FREEDOM RING  
 RECORDED TELEPHONE MESSAGE  
 MIAMI TELEPHONE NUMBER 221-6767  
 MIAMI, FLORIDA  
 RACIAL MATTERS

Re Miami letter and LHM to Bureau, 11/8/65,  
 and Bureau O-17 Form dated 11/18/65.

For the information of the Bureau, Jacksonville  
 and Tampa, the first portion of the telephone message of  
 9/27/65 does not make sense, but was transcribed correctly  
 from the recording. Therefore, no changes are being made  
 regarding this message.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies each of  
 amended pages 2, 4, 5, and 6. One copy each of these  
 amended pages are being furnished Jacksonville and Tampa,  
 in order that referenced communication can be corrected.

Miami copies corrected.

3 - Bureau (Enc-32)  
 1 - Jacksonville (Enc-4) (Info) (157-1025)  
 1 - Tampa (157-1419) (Enc-4) (Info)  
 1 - Miami  
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Approved: *[Signature]*  
 Special Agent in Charge

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